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Isaiah 9:6, “*For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.*”

The book of Isaiah has been called the “little Bible.” It’s called this because there are so many prophecies concerning Jesus and there are 66 chapters in Isaiah as there are 66 books in the Bible. One of the early prophecies of Jesus is found in Isaiah 9:6. There are seven titles or names given to Jesus in the above verse. Let’s look at each of these names.

1. **Child.** Jesus was born into mankind as a child. His birth was miraculous in that His mother was a virgin. After that, His childhood was “normal” in that Jesus grew up as any child, subject to His parents. He had the regular interactions of siblings. Mary did not remain a virgin. She had at least six other children. Jesus, being the firstborn, made at least seven. (It’s interesting to note how often the number seven appears in the Bible. The LORD used it to show completeness.)

We learn of the siblings of Jesus in Mark 6:3, “*Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and Joses, and of Juda, and Simon? and are not his sisters here with us? And they were offended at him.*” There are four brothers named, and “sisters” is plural which meant there were at least

two. Jesus, four brothers, and two sisters make a minimum of seven children. There certainly could have been more.

Jesus grew up as a “normal” child. The only event in the life of Jesus as a youth is recorded in Luke 2, where at the age of 12 His parents had gone to Jerusalem. When they couldn’t locate Jesus, they found Him in the temple. He was asking questions and hearing the doctors. Jesus was a child, but a very special child.

2. **Son.** Jesus was not only a child, but He, being male, was a son. A son had rights of inheritance and oversight of the family a daughter did not have. Jesus is not any son, He is the son of God. The first time Jesus is called the son of God is when He was tempted by the Devil. Matthew 4:3, “*And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.*”

The last time Jesus is called the son of God is in Revelation 2:18, “*And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write; These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet [are] like fine brass.*” Jesus is the son of God with all the rights and oversight of the kingdom a firstborn son would have. The phrase following “son” in Isaiah 9:6 shows what He as a son would do and have. The verse says the government shall be upon His shoulder. This is the Church. He is the head, and is carrying the government of it.

3. **Wonderful.** The word in the verse translated wonderful means marvelous and something hard to be understood. Jesus and everything about Him is full of wonder and amazement to us. Just the very thought of Jesus and His love toward us in that He gave His life for us fills us with wonder and admiration.

4. **Counselor.** A counselor is one who guides. By following Jesus, we are having the guidance and direction that will lead us to eternal life. Counselors of earth might steer us wrong, but to follow the counsel and teachings of Jesus leads us to an eternal home in Heaven. The saved John saw in Revelation are those who follow Jesus. Revelation 14:4, “*...These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth.*”

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—Continue to remember **Alice Vanderstoep, Steve Seaton, Brad Terry, Enola Zigler, Shirley Edwards, Clay Bozarth, Ken & Erin Davis, Becky Hatcher, Joanna Locke & Richard Connolly.** **Larry Compton** had eye surgery

Monday. For a while this week, he had lost all sight in that eye. It is now beginning to recover. He will go back to Nashville in the morning to see what steps need to be done.

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5. The mighty God. Jesus is not only the son of God, but He is God Himself. With Jesus and God being one, Jesus is God. Jesus is called “God” in Hebrews 1:8-9, “⁸*But unto the Son [he saith], Thy throne, O God, [is] for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness [is] the sceptre of thy kingdom. ⁹Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, [even] thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.*”

6. The everlasting Father. Being God, Jesus is also the Father. Referring to Jesus, Paul wrote in Colossians 1:15-16, “¹⁵*Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: ¹⁶For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether [they be] thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him.*” Even among us, someone can be a son and a father. Jesus is that. He is the Son of God, and they being one, He is also the Father.

7. Prince of Peace. Jesus brings peace that is everlasting. He is the prince of peace. It’s a peace only the saved can know. Philippians 4:7, “*And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*” In Jesus, we have a peace that passes understanding. No one can ever know this everlasting peace unless they live and die in the LORD.

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Sunday, November 7, 2021		
Classes	7	Matthew 8:18-22
Preaching	20	Mark 16:15-16
Contribution	\$842.65	
Evening	5	Singing (Psalm 137)
Wednesday, November 10, 2021		
Classes	4	Psalm 80

Visitors— Nov 7 (AM) Emma Biggs (LeGrand, KY)

Bible Quiz

The psalmist asked what to shine and we would be saved?

Last Week’s Answer— Language and speech (Genesis 11:1)

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Jesus is many things to us. He is everything wonderful and good. In prophesying about Jesus, Isaiah let us know many of the attributes of Jesus and what He would bring to us. He still is all these things to us today, and forever will be.

—Marty Edwards❖

—God’s Plan of Salvation—	
1.	Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2.	Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3.	Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4.	Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5.	Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6.	Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)