

JESUS IS
"The Fulfillment" Isaiah 9:6
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INTRO.: I want to thank Pastor John for kicking off our Advent series this past Sunday, with an excellent message Jesus Is The Light from Isaiah 9. We will be spending our entire Advent season in Isaiah 9. This morning, we will be looking at *Jesus is the Fulfillment*. People look forward to this season for many different reasons. Maybe it's time with the family, opportunity to give gifts to others, caroling, cookies, family dinner, or school vacation. Some might even want or look forward to the snow. Isaiah 9 gives the Jewish people something to look forward to as the prophet Isaiah shares a prophecy about the coming Messiah some 700 years before His arrival. We will be looking at the following three things: **THE PRESENT SITUATION**, **THE PROMISE SPOKEN**, **THE POWERFUL SAVIOR**. Before we do that, we are going to read Isaiah 9:1-7 together.

Isaiah 9:1-7 Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the Gentiles, by the way of the sea, along the Jordan— **2** The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned. **3** You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as men rejoice when dividing the plunder. **4** For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor. **5** Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire. **6** For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. **7** Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

THE PRESENT SITUATION

Both Jonathan Ward and Pastor John spoke of what was going on at this time. In the beginning of Isaiah 6 we read that King Uzziah had died. In the divided kingdom there weren't many good kings. In the Northern Kingdom, Israel, there were no good kings. That's right, there were none who followed after God. In the Southern Kingdom there were 8 kings that were good, some for only part of their reign. Uzziah did that which was right in the eyes of the Lord. He fought the Philistines, dug wells for the cattle, provided everything the army needed to defend the people, he built machines that could stand on the top of the towers and throw arrows and stones. Later in his reign he became prideful and tried to make an offering at the altar of incense which was only to be done by the priests. He was warned but refused to listen, and the Lord struck him with leprosy until he died. Jotham, his son, followed him, and reigned for 16 years and he did that which was right in the eyes of the Lord, although he didn't remove the high places where the people worshipped false gods. His son Ahaz took over as king and things became very dark for the people.

What does darkness represent in the Scriptures?

John 3:19 This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil.

Ahaz refused to listen to the Lord when faced with the invasion of Judah and Jerusalem by Pekah of Israel and Rezin of Syria. Instead of trusting the Lord, Ahaz enlisted the help of the king of Assyria, paying him off. Assyria was a wicked, violent and ungodly nation. Ultimately, it didn't work, as it never does, when we enlist the world instead of the Lord. So, God used the ungodly and wicked Assyrians to judge Judah. Ahaz reinstated idol worship and child sacrifice into the kingdom. God brought judgment. In Isaiah 9 Isaiah gives a message of hope which Pastor John preached about last Sunday.

Isaiah 9:2 The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.

Who is this light?

John 1:1-5 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** He was with God in the beginning. **3** Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. **4** In him was life, and that life was the light of men. **5** The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.

Further on in the gospel of John, Jesus declares:

John 8:12 When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

This is emphatic: as it literally means, "I, I am" the light of the world. Nobody else can fill this role. Believers are called to be reflections of that light. Isaiah is giving the people hope. Light and darkness cannot exist in the same place at the same time. Jesus dispels darkness.

Isaiah prophesies a message of hope in the first five verses of this chapter, although the present situation is very dark. Verse six brings us to:

THE PROMISE SPOKEN

The verse begins the word, "*for*," a conjunction that provides the reason for the hope that Isaiah prophesied.

Isaiah 9:6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

So, what is the reason for their hope and our hope? This message was to the Jews but would also be given to the Gentiles. We could almost have a drum roll here; "For....."

"to us a child is born, to us a Son is given:" this is the incarnation predicted over 700 years before it happened. The emphasis in the first line is the word, "*child*." The Messiah would come to earth as a baby, God in the flesh.

Isaiah 7:13—Then Isaiah said, "Hear now, you house of David! Is it not enough to try the patience of men? Will you try the patience of my God also? **14** Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

"Immanuel" means "God with us."

Some commentators say that the word, "*child*" refers to His humanity and the word, "*Son*" refers to His deity. This promised one would be fully man and fully God.

Some weeks ago, we spoke of the angel's announcement to the shepherds in Luke 2.

Luke 2:10–11 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. **11** Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.

"do not be afraid:" this is a present tense command. What follows is the reason they didn't need to be afraid.

This is the prophecy fulfilled. Christmas is about God coming to earth, the incarnation.

The two greatest miracles for Christians are the incarnation and the resurrection. God became a man, still fully God, and lived a sinless life. After He died on the cross, paying the penalty for our sins, He rose from the dead, with victory over sin and death.

Not only, "*to us a child is born*," but also, "*to us a Son is given*." This Son is a gift. God didn't send Him because mankind earned the coming of the Messiah because of all the good they had done. The divided kingdom of Israel and Judah had not earned this gift. Those who were not Jews had not earned the coming of the Messiah. Guess what? None of us have earned this gift.

Acts 4:12 Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 17:4 I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do.

God didn't panic when Adam and Eve sinned. He didn't rush around trying to figure out what He was going to do next. The incarnation and the death and resurrection of Christ were planned from eternity past.

Acts 2:22–24 “Men of Israel, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. **23** This man was handed over to you by God’s set purpose and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. **24** But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.

We also can’t ignore to whom this gift is given. *“to us a child is born, to us a Son is given.”*

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Every gift at our house has a name on it and there is an order as to which gift is given when. Gifts are open one at a time and I’m usually the one passing them out and Brenda lets me know the order of the gifts. Some gifts build on previous gifts, so the order is important. All the gifts are a surprise to me except for the gifts I give to Brenda. To complete the gift giving the gift must be received. The gift of salvation must be the first gift received if we are going to have our sins forgiven, being reconciled to God, and having eternal life. It is at that moment that the Holy Spirit takes up residence (indwells) the person and we begin the journey of growing in our walk with God.

Some may be wondering, “How do I receive this gift of salvation?” You need to admit your sin to God, be willing to turn from your sin, believe that Jesus Christ, God the Son, died and rose again for your sin, and, on the basis of Christ’s sacrifice, ask God to forgive your sin, and give your life to Him.

This begins your walk with the Lord. Take time to read the Bible, pray, join with other Christians in a Bible-believing church.

For those who already have come to know Jesus Christ, the truth of the incarnation should cause us to fall before God in worship and praise. *“to us a child is born, to us a Son is given.”* What a tremendous truth! What a tremendous gift! Who do I know who has yet to come to faith in Jesus? Am I praying for them and sharing the good news of the gospel with them?

What amazing truth!

John 1:14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

The present situation for the nation during Isaiah’s time was one of darkness, but he prophesied that a light would be coming. The reason for this encouraging prophecy was the promise spoken: *“unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given.”* From there Isaiah is going to speak of:

THE POWERFUL SAVIOR

Isaiah 9:6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

“and the government will be upon his shoulders:” This Savior will be the sovereign ruler in the Messianic kingdom (Fruchtenbaum). This is far different than Ahaz, the current ruler of Judah. He will also be perfectly righteous and holy, totally unlike any ruler in the divided kingdom of Israel and Judah.

The Apostle Paul reminds us that someday everyone will bow before Jesus.

Philippians 2:6–11 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, **7** but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. **8** And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death— even death on a cross! **9** Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, **10** that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, **11** and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Not only can we trust God with eternity, but we can trust Him today. He is sovereign, He is good, holy, righteous, just, merciful, forgiving, and loving. He turns the heads of rulers whichever way He wills.

Proverbs 21:1 (NASB95) — 1 The king's heart is like channels of water in the hand of the Lord; He turns it wherever He wishes.

As the child of God looks forward to the reign and rule of Christ, we can also trust Him for today!

SO WHAT???

*Have I opened the door of my heart to Christ?

Today is the day of salvation

Take time to thank God and worship Him for sending His Son to earth ("to us"*)

*Rejoice in the greatest gift ever given. Read and think about the words to the Christmas Carols.

*Who am I praying for and reaching out to that has yet to come to faith in Christ?