

God's Christmas Gift To Us

Isaiah 9:6-7

⁶For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.¹

- **God's gift came wrapped in a small package—a baby boy.**

- **The child will rule.**

- **Isaiah used four descriptive names or two-word titles** which revealed the uniqueness of this child. The first two names describe his character. The second two names note the conditions he will bring about.
 - **Wonderful Counselor**
He is a supernatural counselor who will implement supernatural wisdom in discharging his office. He has the wisdom to rule justly.

 - **Mighty God**
He is the irresistible battle champion who will obtain the final victory in the arena of history. He has the power to execute his wise plans.

 - **Eternal Father**
Our Savior will never leave or abandon us. He is the Father who cares for and meets the needs of his children.

 - **Prince of Peace**
He will be the one to establish a permanent ceasefire. His peace will never end.

¹ *The Holy Bible: English Standard Version.* Wheaton : Standard Bible Society, 2001