



Christmas 2018– Series “Who Needs Christmas?”

December 16 - Pastor Robin W. Pifer

Message: Everlasting Father

Scripture: Isaiah 9:6; Psalm 103; 139:13-16

Light has come to penetrate the darkness. Isaiah 9:2; John 1:3-9

- Avoid Cultism, Secret Societies, Advance through stages.
- True Christianity has No secrets
- Light of Christ – Rev 3:20

Wonderful Counsellor - Plan for your life.

Mighty God – Power for your life.

Everlasting Father - “Father Forever”

- This is not a reference to God the Father but rather a reference to the character of Messiah Jesus.
- Everlasting – Never Ending Care of Jesus. He will never abandon us, leave us or forsake us.

To understand the True Parenthood of Jesus the Messiah. **Psalm 103:13** – Compassion, Warmth, Empathy, Emotion.

- 1) He Forgives Us Completely. (v. 3, 4, 10, 12)
 - God’s character is holy and just; he does not condone or overlook sin. The justice of God must punish sin. Follow Isaiah - Isaiah 53:5
 - Our Selfish living, sin and shame were put on Jesus.
 - Cleanses us completely.
- 2) He knows us Completely. (14a; Psalm 139:13-16)
 - Complexities of life are explained in Jesus Christ. How do you answer these questions?
 - Who am I?

- Where did I come from?
- Where I am going?

- Guilt and Identity are answered in Isaiah 9:6
- We are not just a number. I have a Saviour who knows my name. We are created by the Lord and for the Lord.

3) He Loves Us Completely Forever. (v. 4, 11, 17; John 3:16)

- Abounds in love. Love brings us to repentance to be in God’s forever family. Love that seeks us out. Rev 3:20
- His complete forgiveness, knowing us and loving us results in our complete praise of Him. (v. 1,2,20-22)

Life Group Questions

1. How has this message changed your view of Jesus? What was the greatest take away from this message?
2. As you discuss this message reread Isaiah 9:6, Psalm 103 and Psalm 139.
3. Why is the forgiveness of the Lord so complete for us? Why is this necessary?
4. How does the truth that the Lord know us completely impact your view of God and your own life?
5. Three important questions are asked under this point. How do you answer them?
6. How does someone who rejects Jesus answer these questions?
7. What are some love songs that speak about a quest for endless love? How do these songs show the longing for love in our World?
8. Why is God’s love through Christ forever for us? Contrast that with earthly relationships.
9. As a result of this message what is the next step that you need to take in your relationship with Jesus or with others?