



Christmas 2018 – Series “Who Needs Christmas?”
December 2 - Pastor Robin W. Pifer
Message: Wonderful Counsellor – Isaiah 9:6

The Whole Christmas Story is Remarkable!

Genesis 12:1; Isaiah 49:6; Isaiah 7:14 – The
Prophecy of the Virgin Birth.

Isaiah 9:6 New International Version (NIV)

⁶For 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.

Jesus Christ the Messiah is Wonderful.

- “The Wonder One”
- John 6:68-69, "Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'"
- The Dual Nature of Jesus.

Jesus Christ the Messiah is our Counsellor.

- Isaiah 11:2; Psalm 32:8
- The Lord knows our past, present, future.
- The Lord knows what we are going to ask before we ask it. Matt 6:8
- Matt 11:28-29 – Invited by Jesus for rest for our souls.
- Isaiah 48:17-18 – The Lord teaches what is best for you.
- Seek godly counsel. Prov 18:15, 15:22; Psalm 37:30

Jesus Christ the Messiah urges you to “Inquire of the Lord.” When was the last time you inquired of the Lord?

- Inquiring of the Lord enables us to identify God's plan for our lives and experience his provision.
- “David inquired of the Lord, Shall I ...?”
- Listen and obey the word of the Lord.

John 16:13-15; Phil 4:4-8; Col 1:9; James 1:5

Is there someone here today who needs direction? Do you need the Lord to show you how to deal with a problem? Are you trying to make important decisions in your life or help others do that? There is only One who can help you. Jesus the “Wonderful Counsellor” is His name.

Life Group Questions

1. Discuss how the whole Christmas story is Remarkable?
2. Take time to read Isaiah 9:6 together out loud. What stands out to you personally about this passage?
3. Why is Jesus Christ “The Wonder” and that no one else is like Him?
4. Why is the dual nature of Jesus (human and divine) important to understand?
5. How are counsellors today different from Jesus being our counsellor?
6. Why is it important to “Inquire of the Lord” first? What are the consequences of not inquiring of the Lord? Discuss together.
7. Take time to read the verses in this section of message. What are results when we apply these verses to our life?
8. God speaks to us through His Spirit, His Word, Circumstances, Godly Counsel and Righteousness Experiences. Discuss Biblical examples of how God used these ways to be the Wonderful Counsellor.
9. What area of your life do you need to seek the counsel of the Lord? Pray for each other as you “Inquire of the Lord.”