

“The Gift of His Name”

Christmas Eve Sunday

December 24th, 2017

Isaiah 9:6

The name ‘Jesus’ means ‘God saves’ / ‘God is salvation’. But one might ask, ‘How can He save?’ Why is anyone to believe that this impoverished baby born of humble means to a poor woman married to a lowly carpenter would have the ability to save them?

The answer is found in the fullness of Who He is, as seen in the names that he bears that reveal His full identity. Some of these incredible names are found in the prophetic word proclaimed by Isaiah —

Wonderful Counselor — Speaks of His infinite wisdom to always **know** what is right, and His complete truthfulness to always **lead** us in what is right.

Mighty God — Encompasses His infinite power to accomplish everything that He **desires** to do. Nothing can withstand His power.

Eternal Father — The Creator and source of all life, yet He **opens** Himself up and offers to us a relationship as a father to His children.

Prince of Peace — A ruler Who is marked by the attribute of peace, providing priceless **inner** peace for all of His subjects who serve Him.

What are we offered in the gift of His Name?

- **Salvation:** “Whoever will call on the name of the Lord will be saved” (R 10:13)
- **Security:** “The name of the LORD is a strong tower; The righteous runs into it and is safe” (Pr 18:10)
- **Victory:** Elijah said, I will “call on the name of the LORD . . . then the fire of the LORD fell and consumed the burnt offering and the wood and the stones and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench.” (1 K 18:24,38)
- **Love:** “I called on Your name, O LORD . . . You drew near when I called on You” (Lam 3:55,57)

Truly we can say on this Christmas morning, “Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!”