

Unto us a Child is born

Opening Text: Isaiah 9:2-3; 6-7

1. Unto us a Child is born

The birth of a child is always reason for joy – any child. However, this was a special Child and a special birth and there was a special joy that accompanied this birth. An angel declared that this birth was news of great joy which would be for all people!

The birth of a child is normally great news for the parents and close family... however, the birth of this Child was good news for all people. The outcome of this birth would have an impact on all people, every individual, for eternity.

2. Unto us a Son is given

This Son was born to be given!

God gave us His only begotten Son. He didn't give us another prophet, even His most glorious archangel but His very own Son.

The angel declared to Mary:

Luke 1:32 - *He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David.*

The Son of the Highest: despite His royal, Divine status He was a Son to be given.

This was no ordinary son. The prophecy of Isaiah declared that “*the government will be upon His shoulder*”, which means that Jesus came entitled to rule. He could dictate history and have His way but the Bible says that He “*made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross*” (**Phillipians 2:7-8**)

He was the Son of the Highest, coming from the mighty throne of heaven:

Hebrews 1:8: *But to the Son He says: “Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom.*

This same Son, full of majesty, magnificent, came to be a Son given for us.

- a) A Son given to take back what had been stolen

The life man enjoyed with God before the fall had been stolen. The enemy had hijacked the plan of God. Jesus came to give us back that life of God.

John 10:10 – **10** *The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.*

1 John 4:9 - *In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.*

1 John 5:12-13 - *He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. 13 These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.*

b) A Son was given to make us sons (and daughters)

Galatians 4:4-5 - **4** *But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. 6 And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!” 7 Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.*

3. And His name will be called...

Isaiah 9:6 *For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

a) **Wonderful** – amazing, astonishing, awesome, wondrous, miraculous, astounding, phenomenal, unique

Isaiah 28:29 says that He is “*wonderful in counsel and excellent in guidance*”

a) **Counsellor** – He is an infallible source of guidance and wisdom

b) **Mighty God** – The Child is God in the flesh. Omnipotent one. In the Hebrew, the word ‘mighty’ also means “**hero**”. He is our Hero, our Conqueror!

c) **Everlasting Father** – (**John 14:9** – “*he who has seen Me, as seen the Father*”)

d) **Prince of peace** – Shalom: peace, well-being, health, prosperity.

We celebrate that name today! What a beautiful name!

*He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. 12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: **John 1:11-12 - 11***