

WHAT CHILD IS THIS?

DECEMBER 24, 2017

ISAIAH 9:6-7

We have gathered to remember and celebrate the birth of the most wonderful person ever born. Jesus was no ordinary child. Who else had their birth announced by a host of Angels? Who else can say all time dates from His birth? Who else has songs written to retell the story of His birth, or is honored with nativity scenes, cards that represent His birth, Christmas programs, and lights that light up homes, malls and communities?

THAT CHILD IS

1. The embodiment of grace and truth.

JOHN 1:14

- A. Jesus came to do for us what we couldn't do for ourselves.

2. The embodiment of God's love.

EPHESIANS 3:17-19

- A. In Christ we discover the boundless dimensions of God's love.

3. The embodiment of God's glory.

HEBREWS 1:1-3 (AMPC)

A. To see Him was to see the Father.

4. The embodiment of the Godhead.

COLOSSIANS 2:9 (AMPC)

A. He's the fulness of the Godhead in bodily form.

5. The embodiment of God's greatness.

ISAIAH 9:6

A. Gender and names are revealed.

- Wonderful counselor: If confused or in need of advice, His counsel is based on His omniscience. He's qualified and free!
- Mighty God: A strong, mighty, invincible hero who defeated death, sin, hell and the grave. He's earned the super-hero title.
- Everlasting Father: He's forever a Father who fulfilled His role by loving, supporting, protecting, sustaining, comforting and providing for us.
- Prince of Peace: **ISAIAH 9:7** - He will rule His Kingdom in peace. A title He earned (**ISAIAH 53:5**).

Polycarp, an early church father demonstrated peace when offered a chance to escape being burned alive, if he would deny Christ. “86 years have I served Christ...how can I blaspheme my King who saved me? You threaten fire that burns for a hour and then is quenched; but you know not the fire of the judgment to come, and the fire of eternal punishment. Bring what you will.

- **JOHN 14:27** – Jesus gives a peace the world can't give or take away.

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The word of Heaven, God in the flesh, Savior from all sin, Healer of all disease, Baptizer with the Spirit, Deliver, Friend, Counselor, Light, Provider, Lion of Judah, Worthy Lamb, Lilly, Bright, the one Herod couldn't kill, Satan couldn't entice to sin, whom death, hell or the grave couldn't hold, water into wine, walked on water, spoke and the sea obeyed, made the blind to see, deaf to hear, lame to walk, maimed to be whole. King of Kings, Lord of Lords, the same yesterday, today and forever, soon coming Captain.