

The One Truth that Will Never Change!

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Isaiah 9:6-7

⁶ For 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.
⁷ Of the greatness of his government and peace
there will be no end.
He will reign on David's throne
and over his kingdom,
establishing and upholding it
with justice and righteousness
from that time on and forever.
The zeal of the Lord Almighty
will accomplish this.

I love this passage in Isaiah where Isaiah prophesied the coming of Jesus to the earth. He wrote this prophecy about 600 years before the birth of Christ.

Think back 600 years ago from right now. The year is 1423. It was in the second half of the Hundred Years' War between England and France.

America had not yet been discovered. Basically the entire world was at war with one another but they didn't necessarily know they were, so it was called a world war.

In 1423 The Mayor of London, Richard Whittingham died. As did Antipope Benedict the 13th, and

Henry Bowet, Archbishop of York. These are just a few of the famous people who died in 1423!

You say. "Pastor Rich, I've never heard of them." Exactly!

But I can tell you this ... When Christ was born 600 years after Isaiah the prophet had prophesied it would happen — most every Jew alive at that time knew who Isaiah was. And every Jew knew of the life and times of Isaiah, and the trouble he faced during his ministry.

We as a nation don't have much history really. Yet almost all of the information gathered in the world of knowledge has been gathered in the last 100 years.

What am I saying? I'm saying that Isaiah prophesied exactly what would happen in 600 years, and what he prophesied came to pass and the people who lived when the prophecy came to pass came to accept Jesus Christ, the Son of God, as their personal Savior!

We are following Jesus Christ and HE IS OUR GOD! Remember what Isaiah said about him 600 years before he was born!

Isaiah said ... **The government shall be upon his shoulders.**

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In this text the word government means BURDEN... every man and woman in this planet is a part of an earthly government and Jesus shoulders are wide and strong enough to bear every burden that each human represents.

There's no problem he cannot solve. There's no challenge that he cannot conquer. Every mountain He experiences is from the top of that mountain because he's conquered every mountain, He's walked through every valley, and conquered them too!

He's shouldered every BURDEN you've ever faced church. He is Jesus Christ our Great God! He's not the father of a nation. He's not a self-proclaimed prophet. NO! He is God!

Isaiah's said ... **He is our WONDERFUL COUNSELOR!**

When nobody will listen. When you're all alone and you can't sleep at night, He is a friend who sticks closer than a brother, and He's ready to talk. He wants to listen. He is our wonderful counselor..

Isaiah said ... **Jesus is our MIGHTY GOD! He's not a really great God. He's not a God who is far off. He's not limited in any way. No, He's OUR MIGHTY GOD!**

He's our EVERLASTING FATHER!

In other words He's the son of God, yet He is our EVERLASTING FATHER AS WELL! He's always been. He had no beginning and He'll have no ending. He conquered death, hell, and the grave, and lives for evermore.

Isaiah said ... **Our Jesus, born in a manger in Bethlehem, is the PRINCE OF PEACE!**

Not the prince of war and hatred and strife and rebellion and division. NO! He is the PRINCE OF PEACE! He's come to bring peace to a war torn planet!

They were warring 600 years before the birth of Christ when Isaiah wrote about the Prince of Peace! They were warring in 1423, 600 years ago when the 100 year war between England and France was in full bloom, and there are wars going on right now in our world that are in our news scrolls on our smart phones 24/7.

But we serve this little baby we celebrate today named Jesus, and He is the PRINCE of PEACE!! He never changes. You can depend on him this Christmas Eve and I'll depend on Him when I head into the cancer ward on January 17th in just a few weeks, because I said to you earlier The One Truth That Still Remains is...

Hebrews 13:8 - Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever!

Amen! That's why we say **MERRY CHRISTMAS** instead of Happy Holidays.

He is JESUS OUR GOD. He can shoulder any burden you're faced with.

He is our WONDERFUL COUNSELOR

He is our MIGHTY GOD

He is our EVERLASTING FATHER

He is our PRINCE OF PEACE

AND ... Jesus Christ is the same yesterday today and forever and that is THE ONE TRUTH THAT STILL REMAINS!!!

Merry Christmas Trinity Church