

ADVENT – WHAT’S IN A NAME?
“Named Wonderful Counselor”

Isaiah 9:6-7, Jeremiah 33:14-16
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Isaiah 9:6 “For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

I. THE ONE WHO IS WONDERFUL

A. The Messiah Is INCOMPREHENSIBLE

Judges 13:18 And the angel of the Lord said to him, “Why do you ask my name, seeing it is wonderful?”

Job 9:10 NIV “He performs wonders that cannot be fathomed, miracles that cannot be counted.”

B. The Messiah Is The GOD MAN

John 1:1,14 “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.”

C. The Messiah Is The FIRST COUNSELOR

Romans 11:33-34 Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! “For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?”

II. THE ONE WHO IS COUNSELOR

A. The Messiah Is The Source Of All WISDOM

Isaiah 11:2 “And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.”

Psalms 32:8 “I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.”

B. The Messiah Is Our True HELPER

Psalms 54:4 “Behold, God is my helper; the Lord is the upholder of my life.”

God has good counsel for...

- Our MARRIAGE and how to love well
- Our MOUTH and the words that come out of it
- Our MIND and the things we dwell on
- Our FINANCES and how we spend money
- Our PARENTING and how we raise children
- Our FRIENDSHIPS and how we treat each other
- Our LEADERSHIP and how to serve others

Proverbs 3:6 “in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.”

THE NEXT FAITHFUL STEP

- 1. Discussing the wonderful:** Discuss with family and friends this week what it is about the Christmas season that embraces the incomprehensible. What makes Christmas wonderful?
- 2. Seek the counsel of Jesus this Christmas season:** In your shopping, in your planning, in your relationships, in your careers, in your daily decisions... invite Jesus to give you counsel. Start your day with these simple words, “Jesus, come instruct me and teach me in the way I should go.”