

REDEMPTION CHURCH

His Name Shall be Called | Merry Christmas!

BIG POINT

"His name shall be called" is much more than how Christ would be identified, but also what He'd accomplish. Names have power and our relationships change when we understand more fully and truly who someone is.

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.

REMEMBER

He is the counselor that never leaves us hung out to dry, never misses an appointment, and never gives bad advice. His counsel always brings life!

This week Steven drew our attention to one of the most famous prophecies ever recorded. Written 800 years prior to the Birth of Christ, the prophet Isaiah alludes to the one who will come and will change everything.

Into the brokenness, Isaiah promises one will come who shall be called four things (not four names) because He came to do four things: to be our Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace. Those are His names and they're also what He came to accomplish. This week we look at what He came to do by understanding these names.

Notes:

Wonderful Counselor: The Hebrew, *Pele Yo'etz*, is two nouns, not a noun and an adjective. 1 part mystery, 1 part powerful. He's the supernatural provider of power and direction for our lives. *Wonderful* speaks to the mystery and awe of God. Later in His life, many would be amazed and in awe by Jesus' teaching and miracles. His life was mysterious, wonderful, powerful, and hard to fully grasp.

As much as He is *wonderful*, He's also a *counselor*. We live in a world obsessed with counseling; and, for good reason—we were made to receive counsel! The question isn't *"should I receive counseling,"* but *"where should our counsel come from?"* Christ, the counselor who was and is never wrong! *Wonderful Counselor* is the perfect mix between faith and wisdom. We go to Christ for truth, advice, knowledge, direction, and answers for our lives.

In [Luke 2:34-35](#) we're told Jesus came, *"so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."* Has anyone ever known your heart better than Jesus, comforted you in a way that no one else could, given you the clarity that you needed, pointed you in the right direction, encouraged you in the best of ways? He does that, because He IS a wonderful counselor!

Mighty God: The Hebrew, *El Gibbor/Gibhor*, was used twice by Isaiah to emphasize the military-like strength of God and

Deuteronomy 10:17

For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe.

Jesus, Champion Over:

Sin: *"Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil." 1 John 3:8*

Death: *"When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: 'Death is swallowed up in victory.' 'O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?' The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law." 1 Corinthians 15:54-56*

The Devil: *"He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him." Col. 2:15*

NOW WHAT?

Listen to our Wonderful Counselor.

Trust our Mighty God.

Follow our everlasting Father.

Embrace our Prince of Peace.

means *champion* or *valiant hero*. Moses describes Him in [Dt. 10](#) as such. The champion who achieved eternal victory!

Christmas delivered a Mighty God who gives us power to bring forth His Kingdom. Knowing Christ as our *Mighty God*, our champion, means His victory has provided us a victorious, powerful and eternal life.

Everlasting Father: The Hebrew, *ab-i-ad*, literally translates as *Father of eternity*. Jesus as an *Everlasting Father* means that He is our persistent provider and protector. We're used to calling God our Father, but how is Christ a father? Think of Him as first, primary, and premier. Jesus is an eternal constant –always there for us.

He stays the same ([Hebrews 13:8](#)).

He is the firstborn of all creation ([Col. 1:15-18](#)).

He is the representative of humanity ([Romans 5:12-15](#)).

He is the founder of a new way ([Hebrews 8:6](#)).

He is the provider of our salvation ([Hebrews 12:2](#)).

A Kingdom That Cannot be Shaken ([Hebrews 12:28-29](#)).

Prince of Peace: The Hebrew here, *śar śā-lōm*, means ruler of peace. He is a ruler in the sense that he administrates, organizes, and orchestrates peace. He calms the chaos in a way that aligns with His will –like the raging storm on the sea where He simply said, *"Peace, be still."*

Jesus brings forth four types of peace:

1. Reconciliatory ([Ephesians 2:14-17](#))
2. Internal ([Psalm 131](#))
3. External ([Matthew 5:9](#))
4. Lasting ([John 14:27](#))

He is our anchor and invites us all to rest in Him. How? The clue is in the opening of Isaiah 9:6. Through the cross. It shows us both the beginning (Christmas, a child will be born) and the end (Easter, a son will be given).

He is our supernatural provider of power and direction for our lives, the champion who delivered the never-ending victory, the creator of a never-ending Kingdom and provider of VIP access with irrevocable benefits, and brought forth the justice needed to secure lasting peace.