

REDEMPTION CHURCH

His Name Shall be Called | What Jesus Does

REMINDER

The world was spiritually hungry and enraged (hangry) and was producing darkness all around.

But then...

There was the joyous promise of a Messiah.

Joy came –producing and offering freedom to all those who call Him Lord and Savior..

Isaiah 9:4-5

For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. ⁵For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire.

In our 3rd week of our Christmas series we continue in Isaiah.

This week we look deeper into the next few verses in the passage to see the picture of “A Joyous, but Bloodied, Warrior.” Let’s look at the three lessons Pastor Steven walked us through from Isaiah 9:4-5 to see what Jesus does.

Notes:

#1: Jesus came to bring freedom. The world’s idea of freedom: We should be able to do whatever our hearts desire. However, we know that this does not produce joy or freedom because our hearts are deceitful ([Jer 17:9-10](#)). Freedom isn’t about following our hearts, but about being able to do and be exactly what God has purposed for us and called us to.

For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. Galatians 5:1

So, freedom from what?

1. From the yoke of bondage ([Acts 15:10](#))
 2. From the weight of sin ([Romans 7:21-25](#))
 - Sin of the flesh
 - Sinful desires
 - Sinful actions
- [2 Peter 2:17-22](#)

Jesus came to:

- Relieve the burden, by carrying the burden of sin.
- Carry the weight, by laying the weight of shame upon Himself.
- Break the oppressor’s rod, by living perfectly unto the Law but suffering under its punishment and crushing the serpent’s head...

#2: Jesus will deliver an improbable victory in a paradoxical fashion. “As on the day of Midian...” Looking back to [Judges 6-7](#), Gideon and the Israelites were oppressed, hiding in fear, ashamed, and completely over-matched. God then dwindled

GOD OF THE PARADOX

He established Israel by having senior citizens conceive a child.

He preserved His line in famine through the faithfulness of a widower.

He picked a forgotten shepherd boy to be his King? He rescued the Israelites from genocide via a beauty pageant.

He entered into the world through a virgin birth.

He propelled His movement through service, not authority.

He said peacemakers, not warriors, would inherit the earth; and to love our enemies, not hate them.

He conquered sin by dying Himself and defeated death by rising from the grave.

He launched His church through the feeble voices of fallen men and picked the one who'd persecuted Him the most as His great apostle.

His church has never fallen, never been stopped, and never will –despite all the darkness aimed against it.

NOW WHAT?

First we fight sin still waging war in us: our hearts' pull to return to the lusts of the eyes and flesh, pharisaical leanings, the pride of life, apathy, bitterness, and greed.

their ranks even more –leaving an army of only 300. Why? To show our great need for Him. He came to bring the most improbable of victories –to bring us out darkness, into light.

When we need an improbable victory, He can deliver it –He already has! Pray for, receive and walk in victory. How will He deliver the victory? In the most paradoxical way. What does this mean for us? When we need an improbable victory, we don't look for it in the wisdom of man, but to His wisdom.

He elevates us when we humble ourselves.

We sense Him most when we are at our lowest.

We receive when we give. We find life when we lose it.

Joy appears when we deny our feelings and obey.

We find peace when we follow Him, not our hearts.

We are strong when we are weak.

Light shines the brightest when it's the darkest.

We rise when we die for and in Him –risen in Christ.

THIS IS THE GOD OF THE PARADOX!

#3: Jesus will turn us into joyous, bloodied warriors. This freedom and victory will take us to a land flowing with milk and honey, but where there are still battles to be fought. There'll come a time when war and pain cease, but not yet.

How do we fight?

1. With confidence. [1 John 4:4](#)
2. With hope. [Philippians 3:14](#)
3. With (alongside) each other. [Hebrews 3:13](#)
4. With joy. [Psalms 5:11-12](#)

We fight the spiritual powers of this world, cultural decay, and corporate darkness. We'll be bloodied and experience pain, sorrow, humiliation, and even defeat at times –but will persevere because we know the outcome of the final battle!

One day our uniforms, bloodied by the ravages of war and boots covered in victory-march mud will one day be placed in the fire so we can take on a new uniform –clothed fully and completely in Christ! Christ will return and deliver the most improbable, paradoxical final victory.

Meanwhile, we're the joyous, bloodied warriors reflecting Christ. He was bloodied in the battle, but with joy He endured the cross; He faced suffering but persevered; faced the darkness, but His light won! So we march –bringing the light of victory with us everywhere we go.