

CORINTH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

THE NAMES OF THE MESSIAH

SCRIPTURE READING:

⁶For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. ⁷Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this” (Isa 9:6-7).

INTRODUCTION:

A. The true meaning of Christmas is the celebration of the birth of the Messiah called Jesus Christ.

1. Messiah is defined as the Anointed One and refers to Jesus Christ as the Promised Savior sent by God to redeem mankind from sin.
2. Christmas is connected to the belief that Christ was born to die on the Cross, a sacrifice that Christians believe provides salvation and eternal life to those who place their trust in Him as the One and Only Savior.

B. Christ Came to Fulfill Prophecy

1. Christ would be born of a virgin

- **Prophecy:** “Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel” (Isa 7:14).
- **Fulfillment:** ²²Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, ²³Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us” (Matt 1:22-23).

2. Christ came to save mankind from sin

- **Prophecy:** ¹⁵And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel” (Gen 3:15).
- **Fulfillment:** “And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins” (Matt 1:21).

“The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world” (John 1:29).

C. “The Christmas message is that there is hope for a ruined humanity—hope of pardon, hope of peace with God, hope of glory—because at the Father’s will Jesus Christ became poor, and was born in a stable so that thirty years later He might hang on a cross. It is the most wonderful message the world has ever heard, or will hear.” – J.I. Packer

As recorded in Isaiah 9:6, this Bible Study will focus on the Five Names of Christ the Messiah: (1) Wonderful, (2) Counselor, (3) The Mighty God, (4) The Everlasting Father, and (5) The Prince of Peace.

I. WONDERFUL

- “Wonderful” means a miracle, a marvelous thing, something extraordinary

A. Christ is Wonderful in His Birth

1. He was conceived by the Holy Ghost and born of a virgin. The virgin birth is a miracle.

- “²⁰ But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. ²³ Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us” (Matt 1:20, 23).

2. He shall be Great and “The Son of the Highest”

- “³² He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: ³³ And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end” (Luke 1:32-33).

Christ is Great as to His Person and His work. As the Son of the Highest, Christ is established as the Messiah. He will reign over the House of Jacob forever, and of His Kingdom there will be no end.

3. Christ is The Incarnation, which means He is Fully God and Fully Human

That the Eternal Son of God took on human form is miraculous.

- “⁵ Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: ⁶ Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: ⁷ But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men” (Phil 2:5-7).

B. Christ is Wonderful in His Love

- “Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins” (1 John 4:10).

Christ loved us so much that He gave Himself for us. He is “the propitiation for our sins” – He is the only means by which we can have our sins forgiven and Heaven is our home.

- “But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us” (Rom 5:8).

C. Christ is Wonderful in His Resurrection

His resurrection confirms His power over sin and death which offers hope for Believers’ future resurrection and new life.

- “Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live” (John 11:25).
- “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead” (1 Pet 1:3).

II. **COUNSELOR**

- “**Counsel**” means to advise, consent, devise, guide

A. Christ is the Counselor Who Understands Us

1. He cares and is capable and compassionate
2. No problem is too big for Him to handle.

B. Christ Provides Wisdom and Guidance

His wisdom and guidance are beyond our understanding – He is never wrong.

C. While on Earth, Christ Offered Wisdom through His Parables and Teachings

1. The Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37)

In the parable, Jesus taught us that loving our neighbor means showing compassion and helping anyone in need, regardless of their race, background, belief or social status.

2. The Sermon on the Mount (Matt 7:1-6)

Jesus taught against hypocritical and harsh judgment, emphasizing that we should examine ourselves before correcting others.

- “But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup” (1 Cor 11:28).
- “Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?” (2 Cor 13:5).

D. Christ is the approachable Counselor who we can trust to listen to our problems and guide us in the right direction.

- ‘In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths” (Prov 3:6).

1. He told us to pray to Him, and not to worry.

- “Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God” (Phil 4:6).

2. He understands our troubles and what we are going through – go to Him in prayer.

- “¹⁵For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

III. THE MIGHTY GOD

- “**Mighty**” means strong, powerful, bold, very great

A. “**Mighty God**” Affirms the Divine Nature of Christ the Messiah

He is identifying as God Himself. The Name – Mighty God – aligns with the Trinity in which Christ is recognized as fully God.

Jesus Christ is God:

- “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God” (John 1:1).
- “I and my Father are one” (John 10:30).

B. **Christ the Messiah is the Mighty God**

He is co-equal with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

1. Christ is Almighty

- “Even by the God of thy father, who shall help thee; and by the Almighty, who shall bless thee with blessings of heaven above, blessings of the deep that lieth under, blessings of the breasts, and of the womb” (Gen 49:25).

2. Christ is the Creator of Heaven and Earth

- “And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth” (Gen 14:19).

3. Christ is the Maker of All Things

- “As thou knowest not what is the way of the spirit, nor how the bones do grow in the womb of her that is with child: even so thou knowest not the works of God who maketh all” (Eccl 11:5).

C. **Christ Does Not Answer to Anyone**

He does not answer to anyone as to His plans and purposes. Christ does as He pleases in Heaven and Earth. He is Sovereign (In Control of all things).

- “The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein” (Ps 24:1).
- “The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine: as for the world and the fulness thereof, thou hast founded them” (Ps 89:11).
- “He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still” (Ps 107:29).

D. **God's World**

The earth is our world because we live in it. We're allowed to drink its water, mine its gold, and fish its seas—but only because God has given us the go-ahead (Gen. 1:28-30). Really, it's *God's World*. “The earth is the Lord's, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell therein” (Ps. 24:1). It amazes me that God has entrusted His incredible creation to mere humans. He knew that some of us would mistreat it, deny He made it, and claim it as ours. Still, He allows us to call it home and sustains it through His Son (Col. 1:16-17). – (Ps 24, Our Daily Bread, April 19, 2015)

E. What A Mighty God We Serve

What a mighty God we serve. What a mighty God we serve.

Angels bow before Him. Heaven and earth adore Him. What a mighty God we serve.

I command you, Satan, in the name of the Lord to take up your weapons and flee,
for the Lord has given me authority to walk all over thee.

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Angels bow before Him. Heaven and earth adore Him. What a mighty God we serve.

IV. THE EVERLASTING FATHER

- **“Everlasting Father”** is the Name for Christ the Messiah.
This name signifies His Eternal and Fatherly nature. He is the Creator of Eternity, the source of Everlasting Life, and a constant, compassionate Provider for His people.

A. Christ has Always Existed and Will Always Exist

1. He is “from Everlasting to Everlasting” (Ps 90:2).
2. **Christ said, “Before Abraham was, I Am** (John 8:58).
Jesus explained that, He existed before Abraham was born.

B. Christ the Messiah Offers Everlasting Life

- “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life” (John 3:16).
- “Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life” (John 5:24).

Christ the Everlasting Father is connected with God the Father. He will never separate from the Father. When we trust God as our Savior. We are eternally secured in God the Father. Jesus is one with God the Father.

- **The Doctrine of Eternal Security**

“Once Saved – Always Saved”

- “²⁸ And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand” (John 10:28-29).

A genuinely saved person cannot be unsaved. Just as, a person born into the world cannot be unborn. Our Eternal Security is based on God’s Love for those redeemed by the precious blood of Christ.

- “³⁸ For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, ³⁹ Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Rom 8:38-39).

C. Quote from Charles Spurgeon

“My name from the palms of His hands, eternity will not erase; impressed on His heart it remains, in mark of indelible grace.” – Charles Spurgeon

V. THE PRINCE OF PEACE

- “**Prince of Peace**” refers to Christ the Messiah who restores harmony between God and mankind, He brings true and lasting peace.

- “Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid” (John 14:27).

A. Peace With God

- “Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ” (Rom 5:1).

Christ is the source of peace with God. He brings a deep and lasting peace that surpasses worldly circumstances.

B. The Peace of God

- “⁶ Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus” (Phil 4:6-7).

Real peace comes from knowing that God is in control. The peace of God surpasses all understanding. It will guard our hearts and minds through Christ the Messiah.

C. Hymn – Like a Glorious River

“Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blessed; finding as He promised, perfect peace and rest.” – (Frances Ridley Havergal)

D. Hymn – When Peace Like A River

When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."
Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control:
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and has shed his own blood for my soul.
It is well with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.

KEY TAKEAWAYS:

A. Christ is Christmas! Christmas is Christ!

B. The Conception and Incarnation of Christ are Miraculous Events

C. The Resurrection of Christ gives Believers a future Resurrection and New Life

D. Christ is the Greatest Counselor – His Advice, Direction and Guidance are always Right – He is Never Wrong.

E. Christ does not Answer to Anyone – He is in Control at All Times and in All Situations.

F. Christ has Always Existed and Will Always Exist.

MEMORY VERSE:

“And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins” (Matt 1:21).

CONCLUSION:

A. Christ the Messiah- He is Wonderful; He is Our Counselor; He is The Mighty God; He is The Everlasting Father; and He is The Prince of Peace.

B. Christ, the Son of God, Gift to Sinners – Trust Christ as your Savior Today!

C. ABC's of Salvation

- **A – Admit** that you're a sinner and that you cannot save yourself (Rom 3:23, Eph 2:8-9).
- **B – Believe** that Jesus died on the Cross and rose again for your sins (Rom 5:8, 1 Cor. 15:3-4).
- **C – Confess**/Call on Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior (Rom 10:9-13)



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“... the word of our God shall stand for ever” (Isa 40:8).