



The Spirit of Christmas  
The Spirit of Christmas Present—Isaiah 9:6  
From Sermon 12.10.23

Read *Isaiah 9:6*

Overview from Sunday's sermon: As Isaiah 9 gives us a further description of the Messiah, the Gospels show us the fulfillment of the glorious prophesy. As Christmas became a reality in Bethlehem, all of the divine attributes were manifested in Jesus. His birth ushered in a new Age...the Age of Grace or the Age of the Church. Nothing would ever be the same for the Christmas characters, for us, or for the world.

1. What is the Scarlet Thread doctrine and how does it impact the Christmas story? A line of teaching at reveals several timeless truths and patterns of redemptive history. Discuss.

- 1) God's providing of a blood redemption throughout human history. Examples =
- 2) The relentless pursuit of Satan to thwart the plan of God (Israel/Church. 1<sup>st</sup> Coming/2<sup>nd</sup> Coming)

2. From both Isaiah's prophesy and the Gospel accounts, list...

Evidence of Christ's Humanity: He had traceable ancestors. He had real parents, family, and siblings. He was born the same way all babies are born. He grew, matured, ate, slept, cried, & worked. He died.

See also *Philippians 2:5-8*

Evidence of Christ's Divinity: He has always existed. He was born of a virgin. He was announced by angels. He was worshipped. He will go on to heal, deliver from demons, confront the devil, know men's hearts, minds, and motives. He has full knowledge of the Word of God and the will of the Father. Sinlessness. He can control nature. He will conquer death and resurrect. See *Colossians 2:9*

3. Review and Discuss the two aspects of Jesus as Counselor:

- He speaks only truth and the full truth. He speaks reality as our Counselor in life.
- That of Advocate: Defense Attorney. See *Hebrews 7:25* & *1 John 2:1*

4. Discuss the term "Everlasting Father" or "Eternal Father", used in Isaiah 9. What does it not mean? What does it mean?

- Jesus is Not God the Father. They are of One essence or nature, but two distinct Persons.
- He is the Father or Author of time. The Patriarch of the eternal. Father of time itself.
- Ruler of the past, present, and future.
- His Kingdom will have no end. See also *Luke 1:30-33*

5. Why Jesus had to be all these things = Our greatest battle was with...

...Self/sin?

...The devil?

...The world?

Are all of these true? Do we battle each of these? Yes, but none were our greatest battle. We were at war/enmity with Holy God: Jesus is the peace brought through Christmas. Read *Colossians 1:17-22*