



The Spirit of Christmas
The Spirit of Christmas Future: Isaiah 9:6-7
From Sermon 12.17.23

Read *Isaiah 9:6-7*

Overview from Sunday's sermon: The Spirit of Christmas (God the Holy Spirit) completes our journey by showing us what's still to come—namely Jesus' glorious return to earth. Isaiah's prophecy was clear that the God-Man born in Bethlehem would also be King—The King of kings and rule and reign both on earth and in eternity. This role will be vastly different than that of His first coming. We celebrate this too.

1. Review Isaiah 9:6-7. What terms best apply to each time period in Jesus' ministries.

- Past terms: Wonderful, Mighty God, Everlasting Father
- Present terms: Child, Son, Counselor, Prince
- Future terms: Government will be upon His shoulders, Prince of Peace, Throne, Kingdom

2. This passage and study causes us to, again, review the repeated confusion: The 1st Coming attributes and ministry of Jesus vs. 2nd Coming attributes and ministry Jesus. Discuss.

1st Coming: Humble, Servant, Submissive, *Limited, Scorned, Death. See also *Matthew 11:28-30 & 20:28*

2nd Coming: Judgment. War. Rules and reigns on the current earth for 1000 years. Destroy/undo it all. Reign forever new heaven and new earth. See also *Revelation 19:11-13 & 16*

3. Considering just the sheer numbers that contrast His 1st Coming to that of His 2nd. How many witnessed His first Coming Christmas? Only a handful: His parents, the magi, & some shepherds. (Barnyard animals) How many will witness His Return? Every single person who's ever been conceived. Both the living and the dead. See also *Revelation 1:7-8*

4. How long was His 1st Coming: 33 years. See *Luke 3:23*

How long will His 2nd Coming last? Forevermore. See *Luke 1:32-33*

5. What is the blessed and sustaining promise regarding believers when Jesus returns? The Saints will be glorified, they will share His inheritance/Co-heirs with Christ. They will rule and reign with Him in the Millennial Kingdom. See *Romans 8:16-17*

6. As we now finish up both our Isaiah Christmas series and 2023, how has examining Jesus in the past, present, & future impacted your spirit of Christmas this year? Various Personal Answers.

A Very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year
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