

## C&C | Nov.20<sup>th</sup> | “Wonderful Counselor”

Isaiah Intro-

-title is derived from the author, Isaiah- means “The LORD is salvation”, & he was an OT prophet, a “major” prophet because His book was long, called by God to prophecy in the year of King Uzziah’s death (739 BC) Is.6:1, about 20 prophecies of Christ

Isaiah 7:14 [Isaiah foreshadowed the virgin birth of Jesus](#)

Isaiah 27:12-13 [God promised to restore the Jews](#)

Isaiah 42:1-9 [The Messiah would be a light to Gentiles](#)

Isaiah 49:6 [God's salvation would reach the ends of the earth](#)

Isaiah 53:1-7 [The Messiah would be rejected,](#)

[God's servant would die for our sins,](#)

[God's servant would be silent before his accusers](#)

Ch.9- “Isaiah’s Vision of the Coming Christ”

-this chapter contains prophecy, partly to comfort to the church & people of God, against the calamities predicted in chapter 8

-What is the comfort prophesied & promised? Christ

v.6- “child”, speaks of the humanity of Christ, fully God, fully man (Col.2:9- For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity dwells in bodily form.)

-“son”, has a heavenly Father, a triune God, son submits to the will of the Father

-“government shall be upon His shoulders”, speaks to the world being on His shoulders, and especially the Church of God -Why? -He is supreme Ruler of all (Col.1:15&16), King of all, sovereign, in total control, answers to no one, does what He pleases, sets up earthly governments, also gives us what’s necessary for life, gives laws, direction, wisdom -this is ALL on Him, on His shoulders, He carries the weight, the responsibility, the burdens, etc. Could ONLY be held by His shoulders, none else could do this. -What does it mean for us? Breathe, God has this, should give us peace, comfort, ease our worry & anxiety. Also should result in a submission to His rule & leadership.

“and His name shall be called”- these are a few of the names/titles attributed to Christ, these names greatly reflect who He is, His nature, character, attributes, & how He acts towards His people

-“Wonderful”- wonder, marvel -extraordinary, hard to understand, speaks of God's acts of judgment & redemption

-“Counselor”- to advise, consult, purpose, devise, plan

-some Bible translations separate these two names, but most have them together just as the other 3 names listed here are

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a) Christ’s counsel on earth- he advised sinners to repentance; encouraged souls to believe in him; directed the weary to come to him for rest; the hungry and thirsty for food; such as were healed and pardoned, he counselled them to sin no more; and he advised his followers to do to all men as they would men should do to them; to behave in an humble and modest manner; to bear reproaches and persecutions cheerfully; to love one another; and to pray to his Father, in his name, for all things they wanted (John Gill)

b) Christ’s counsel now, for the unbeliever- now he gives his people counsel by the ministry of the word, which is the counsel of God, the produce of his wisdom, a transcript of his eternal council and covenant, a declaration of the will of God, and of Christ; and in which Christ counsels the poor in spirit to come to him for riches, the naked for clothing, the ignorant for spiritual light and knowledge, such as are ready to perish for salvation (John Gill)

c) Christ’s counsel now, for the believer- he counsels those that believe to abide in him, and by his truths and ordinances; which counsel is wholesome and suitable, hearty, sincere, and faithful; is wise and prudent, and freely given; and which being taken, infallibly succeeds: he is council for them in heaven; he appears there in the presence of God for them; represents their persons, and presents their petitions; answers to all charges exhibited against them; and, as their advocate, pleads their cause; and calls for blessings agreed to be bestowed upon them (J. Gill)

-knowing who Christ is should cause us to desire counsel from Him, think of His other names/titles- Mighty God, Ancient of days, Mediator, the Wisdom of God, Lord, Redeemer, Saviour, Upholder of all things, our Servant, our Bridegroom, Good Shepherd, Rock of strength & refuge, Our High Priest, Advocate, the Truth. the Righteous One. Healer. Physician

-who are we going to for counsel? Must go to God first  
-Creation (us), are the ones that need counsel from the God our Creator. Who better to go to than Him? The Creator knows us His creation more than we know ourselves.

Q- What’s your process when you need counsel, direction, advice? (ex.- work & wedlock)

1) Go to God & His Word (*ex.-friend that wasn’t hearing from God*), God won’t counsel you to do something that contradicts His Word

2) Seek godly counsel- go to an older, wise, mature believer, live in community, ask those who know you well

3) pray- ask God for directs on the specifics, to open/close doors, for proper motives in making decisions

4) do something

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-“Mighty God”, or “God the Mighty One”

-Christ is God, is the fullness of God, God in the flesh, divine, Jehovah, Creator, etc.

-The **deity of Jesus** is considered an **essential doctrine** and is a central non-negotiable belief within Christianity. Also known as the "divinity of Christ," this **doctrine** asserts that **Jesus Christ** was and is the Son of God **incarnate**. As the apostle **Paul** stated, "the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily"(Col.2:9; ESV).-*Theopedia*

-What do others believe of Christ?

\*What are some verses that prove the deity, of Christ?

[John 1:1](#)- the Word was God; [Romans 9:5](#)- Christ, who is God over all; [1 John 5:20](#)- the true God & eternal life; [Jn.20:28](#)-my Lord, my God; Ex.3/Jn.8:58- I AM;

[Hebrews 1:8](#)- of the Son he says, your throne, O God, is forever & ever. Isaiah 7:14, Emmanuel, God with us; Col.2:9- the fullness of deity dwells bodily, Titus 2:13- great God & Saviour Jesus Christ

-What does it mean that Christ is “mighty” God? What makes Christ mighty? -Christ is mighty & therefore what He says & does is mighty.

-some say this title could be translated, “Hero-God”

\*What are some of the mighty acts of Christ seen in Scripture? -some works performed by Him, as those of creation, providence, miracles, redemption, resurrection from the dead, etc.

-works before incarnation; the creation of all things out of nothing; the upholding of all things by the word or his power; the management of all the affairs of providence, there being nothing done but what he was concerned in; as the confusion of languages; the burning of Sodom and Gomorrah; bringing the children of Israel out of Egypt; leading and going before them through the Red Sea and wilderness; and bearing and carrying them all the days of old (John Gills)

-works after incarnation; his miracles, called his mighty works; such as healing all manner of diseases by a word speaking, or by touching the person, or by the person touching him, even his garment, or without seeing the person at all, and always without the use of medicines; dispossessing devils out of the bodies of men; power over the elements, as to change water into wine, rebuke the wind and seas; raising the dead, and even his own body when dead; and, above all, the great work of redemption, by which he appears to be the mighty One indeed (Jon Gills)

-works after ascension; conversion of his people; quickening men dead in trespasses and sins; causing dry bones to live; giving spiritual sight to such as were born blind; plucking out of the hands of Satan, and turning from his power to God; which shows him to be stronger than the strong man armed; beginning, carrying on, and finishing the work of faith with power on them; as well as at first making them willing to submit to his righteousness and to be saved by him; and partly in his care of them afterwards; he having the government of them on his shoulders; supplying all their wants; bearing all their burdens; and supporting them under all their afflictions, temptations, and desertions; protecting them from all their enemies; strengthening them to do his will and work; and keeping them from falling totally and finally, and preserving them safe to his everlasting kingdom and glory (John Gills)

***\*What are some mighty works Christ has done in your own life?***

-Robert Bowman and Ed Komoszewski's [Putting Jesus in His Place: The Case for the Deity of Christ](#). Provide a helpful way to remember the case for Christ's divinity through the acronym H.A.N.D.S.

- Jesus deserves the **Honors** only due to God,
- Jesus shares the **Attributes** that only God can possess,
- Jesus is given **Names** that can only be given to God,
- Jesus performs **Deeds** that only God can perform
- Jesus possesses a **Seat** on the throne of God

## **6 Reasons the Deity of Christ Matters (Chris Morgan & Robert Peterson)**

- 1. The divinity of Christ is the most distinctively Christian doctrine of all.
- 2. The essential difference between orthodox, traditional, biblical, apostolic, historic, creedal Christianity and revisionist, modernist, liberal Christianity is right here.
- 3. The doctrine works like a skeleton key, unlocking all other doctrinal doors of Christianity.
- 4. If Christ is divine, then the incarnation, or “enfleshing” of God, is the most important event in history.
- 5. There is an unparalleled existential bite to this doctrine. For if Christ is God, then, since he is omnipotent and present right now, he can transform you and your life right now as nothing and no one else possibly can.
- 6. If Christ is divine, he has a right to our entire lives, including our inner life and our thoughts.

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-“The title *Eternal Father* designates Him, however, not only as the possessor of eternity, but as the tender, faithful, & wise trainer, guardian, & provider for His people even in eternity.” -F. Delitzsch

-“Christ is a Father to these unto everlasting; he will never die, and they shall never be left fatherless; he and they will ever continue in this relation; he as such supplies them with everlasting provisions, he clothes them with everlasting raiment, he gives them an everlasting portion, promotes them to everlasting honour, saves them with an everlasting salvation, bearing an everlasting love to them.” -John Gills

“If the term “Father,” applied to our Lord, grates on our ears, we must remember that the distinction of Persons in the Godhead had not yet been revealed.” -Pulpit Commentary

“The Hebrews used the term father in a great variety of senses - as a literal father, a grandfather, an ancestor, a ruler, an instructor. The phrase may either mean the same as the Eternal Father, and the sense will be, that the Messiah will not, as must be the case with an earthly king, however excellent, leave his people destitute after a short reign, but will rule over them and bless them forever” -Barnes’ Notes

-Ps.68:5&6- Father to the fatherless

-Ps.103:13- shows compassion on His children

-Prov.3:12- reprovess/corrects those He loves

-Matt.7:11- gives us what is best for us (ex.- *healthy food*)

-Rom.8:31&32- is for us, spared not His Son, there's nothing else He will keep from us

-our heavenly Father ALWAYS has our best interest in mind, for now & eternity He is lining up what's best for us

-ALL of His attributes are eternal, His seal & hold on us are also eternal

-once His child, always His child, you CAN have assurance of your salvation (1 John is the test), He'll never un-adopt us, we are forever His

-Q: Are all a child of God? -why are some thinking this?

John 1:12&13, "But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God."

-if your sin hasn't been taken care of the Father can't have a relationship with you, you're a son of the devil, not God

-1 John 3:10, "By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother."

John 8:44, "You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies."

-Romans 8:9- don't have the Spirit of Christ, we don't belong to Him, v.14- you're a child of God if you're led by the Spirit of God

-if you are resting in Christ's work on the cross as the only means to salvation, you are a child of God, have God as a perfect Father now & have all the benefits of being a beloved child of God (ex.- *courtroom vs. family room*)

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**“Prince of Peace”**-often called Prince, being born of the royal lineage of David, Son of the Most High God, the King of kings

-Christ is also King, is exalted as Prince & Saviour (Acts 5:31, “God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins.”),

-He’s called the Prince of Peace as He is the Author of true peace, He came to bring peace, not war

-“The tendency of his administration would be to restore and perpetuate peace. This expression is used to distinguish him from the mass of kings and princes who have delighted in conquest and blood. ...the Messiah would seek to promote universal concord, and the tendency of his reign would be to put an end to wars, and to restore harmony and order to the nations;” -Barnes’ Notes

-the government of Christ will produce & secure peace for His people

-Is.11:6-9, speaks of the righteous reign of Christ, things usually at odds with each other living in peace

-could you all say that the world could use some peace right now? -do you need some peace right now? -Christ came to give us that

**1) Peace for the sinner;** if you don’t know Christ, you are not at peace with God -THIS is why Christ came & when to the cross -“He is the author of peace between God and

sinners”-JG (1Tim.2:5- Mediator; Col.1:21&22- once alienated, now reconciled; Rom.5:7-10- once enemies, now saved through Christ)

**2) Peace for the saint;** -we should now have an over-riding sense of peace in our lives that comes from Christ, we now know Him, we now know peace -in Christ & His perfect saving work on the cross, we are now at peace with God who at one time we were enemies of (*Micah 5:5, He will be our peace...*)

-what kind of peace? One that surpasses all understanding (Phil.4:4-7) this peace transcends human intellect, it's beyond our comprehension, simply doesn't make sense to us, goes passed our analysis & insight (*ex- in a trial, struggle, hard days... God grants us a peace in Christ that may be hard to explain, doesn't really make sense, one that we don't fully understand*)

-2 Thess.3:16, "Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all."

-peace marks the life of a believer

**3) Peace between the saints;** -if you've truly experienced the peace of Christ in your life, it WILL overflow into your everyday life, you'll seek to live at peace with others, especially with the people of God

-not only did Christ, the Prince of Peace, come to make us right with God, but also to make us right with each other

**4) Peace from the saints;** -knowing the peace of Christ should move you to see peace on earth -show itself in outreach to the unsaved, those at odds with God come to know the peace of God, wanting to see justice in our world, peace between all people

-“Christ, who is called *our peace*, [Micah 5:5](#), [Ephesians 2:14](#), and is the only purchaser and Christ, who is called *our peace*, [Micah 5:5](#)[Ephesians 2:14](#), and is the only purchaser...of peace between God and men, [Isaiah 53:5](#), and of peace between men and men, Jews and Gentiles, [Ephesians 2:15](#), and of the peace of our own consciences, and leaves peace as his legacy to his disciples.”

-Matthew Poole