He Will Be Called- Wonderful Counselor Sermon Notes Dec. 12, 2021

Isaiah 9:6-7 "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness and from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this."

Prophesied descriptors about the Messiah.

- He will begin as a child, specifically a son that is given.
- God will place him as king over all.
- His government will be powerfully peaceful.
- The Kingdom he leads will last eternally.
- His leadership will be just and pure.

His names reveal who he will be.

- Wonderful Counselor.
- Mighty God.
- Everlasting Father.
- Prince of Peace.

Wonderful Counselor (Hebrew meaning)- An astounding advisor whose advice is wise and valuable. KML

Moving from prophetic to revealed, how has Jesus Christ fulfilled his name Wonderful Counselor? Jesus has become our Counselor and he is not alone. John 14:15-17, 25-27

- Jesus is THE Paraclete- counselor, helper, one who pleads the cause of another.
- He sends ANOTHER Paraclete—the Holy Spirit. (15)
- Advocate explained:
 - Medical Advocate for an unexpected medical journey—helps you with unknown resources, plead your cause, inform your decisions.

- Attorney/Counselor- Becomes defender on your behalf both to protect you from you and to protect you from others.
- Counselor- helping you sort through internal and emotional pain due to stress and anxiety caused by various life issues such as loss, relational brokenness, tragedy, abuse, etc...
- Jesus remains lead Advocate or counselor, but He gives us the Holy Spirit to align us to him by being with us and in us **always**. (17)
- The Advocate Holy Spirit will also be your teacher and to remind you of your masters' teachings.
- Peace is the outcome of a life lived by the Spirit and is a peace that comes directly from Jesus.

Jesus as lead counselor for us is an astounding reality too Wonderful to comprehend.

Hebrews 4:14-5:2

- Jesus has become our priest next to the Creator of the Universe. (14)
- He is our compassionate priest in the fullest sense of that office. (15a)
 - o Priests are the advocates for the people before God—pleading your cause.
 - Making peace with God through sacrifice.
 - o Priests are the primary teachers of how to walk in a way that pleases God.
 - Priests correct, discipline, and restore to fellowship.
 - They console, embrace, and care for the hurting among us--gently. (5:2)
- Jesus can counsel us well as one who has faced every challenge known to mankind yet faced all challenges victoriously. (15b)
 - o He counsels out of an undefeated strength not commiseration.
- Because of his position as King and Advocate and along with his character we can go to him with confidence. (16)
- He is the Wonderful Counselor who has the ear of Almighty God on your behalf.

Prayer

Song Introduction: Steven Curtis Chapman "Wonderful"