

Beautiful Mess: Sharing The Message Of Christmas

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Isaiah 9:1, *Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past He humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future He will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan— 2 The people walking in darkness have seen a great Light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a Light has dawned. 3 You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before You as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder. 4 For as in the day of Midian’s defeat, You have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor. 5 Every warrior’s boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire. 6 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. 7 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 from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.*

Sharing The Message Of Christmas Means Three Things:

1 - Jesus Was Both A CHILD And A SON

Isaiah 9:6, *For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given...*

Luke 1:26, *In the sixth month of Elizabeth’s pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, 27 to a virgin pledged to*

be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. 28 The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

Luke 1:34, *"How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" 35 The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the Holy One to be born will be called the Son of God.*

John 1:1, *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... 14 The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

John 3:16, *For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

2 - Jesus Had An Eternally POWERFUL NAME

Isaiah 9:6, *...And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

Hebrews 4:14, *Therefore, since we have a great High Priest who has ascended into Heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. 15 For we do not have a High Priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have One who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet He did not sin.*

John 10:30, *I and the Father are one." 31 Again His Jewish opponents picked up stones to stone Him, 32 but Jesus said to them, "I have shown you many good works from the Father. For which of these do you stone Me?" 33 "We are not stoning You for any good work," they replied, "but for blasphemy, because You, a mere man, claim to be God."*

3 - Jesus Offers Us A FORGIVEN FUTURE

Jeremiah 31:3, *...I have loved you with an everlasting love....*

John 4:16, *He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back." 17 "I have no husband," she replied. Jesus said to her, "You are right when*

you say you have no husband. 18 The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true."

John 4:25, *The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When He comes, He will explain everything to us." 26 Then Jesus declared, "I, the One speaking to you—I am He."*

-My Past Has Been FORGIVEN

Romans 6:23, *For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

-My Present Has MEANING

John 10:10, *"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."*

-My Future Is CERTAIN

John 10:27, *"My sheep listen to My voice; I know them, and they follow Me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of My hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of My Father's hand. 30 I and the Father are one."*

What's Next:

1 - Go to the tables at the back and grab an ornament: on one side write down a mess or something you have been waiting on, and on the other side list things you are going to do, to let faithfulness be the groundwork for God's activity!

2 - Make plans now to attend one of our Christmas Eve services and invite someone to come with you. Christmas Eve Service Times are: 1:00p, 3:00p, 5:00p, and 7:00p.

3 - If you want to learn more about Home and Life Groups, or have a question about Cottonwood Creek, stop by the Connect Wall in the Atrium.