

**INTRODUCTION**

1. Isa 9:1-2 prophecy w/ historical fulfillment [Mt 4:12-17] Galilean ministry
2. Scripture interprets Scripture. Jesus asks *Have you never read?*
  - i. Jn 7:40-42 - debate identity of Jesus.
  - ii. Paul asks *for what does the Scripture say?*
3. Isa 9:6-7 review of AM: *Wonderful Counselor - Mighty God*

**1st: The Name "Everlasting Father"**

1. How can the Son be called *Everlasting Father*? Couplet of divine & human natures. *Father* = Christ's human nature.
  - i. The Messiah is a King who rules like a father - subjects are His children. Ps 103:13. Jesus addressed His disciples as *children*.
  - ii. Heb 2:13-14 [cite Isa 8] relates as a father to His children; *brethren* v17
2. *Everlasting* - the paternal gov't of God mediated to us by Christ is *eternal* - enduring, never ending. Isa 9:7 will increase forevermore

**2nd: The Name "Prince of Peace"**

1. *Prince* is the human trait & *peace* relates to deity. *Prince* => Messianic monarchy. As Prince, Jesus holds Royal Office.
2. Daniel, *prince*: angels battle fallen angels; dominion over human gov'ts.
3. Jesus = the Prince of our salvation: A 3:15; 5:31
  - i. Our *Prince* has accomplished our salvation.
  - ii. Heb 2:10 *author*: leader, pioneer [Heb 12:1-2]
4. *peace* - the administration of divine *peace*. Mic 5:2-5a prophecy of *our peace*: we have been reconciled into God's peace - Col 1:19-20.

**Applic #1: The Birth of Jesus is the Birth of the Divine Messiah & His Kingdom**

1. Isa 9:6-7 Names of the Divine Messiah - I Tim 6:15-16.
2. Men debate Jesus' identity. Let us receive revelation.
3. Jesus' gov't is redemptive - *justice & Rtness* [Ps 89:14-15]
4. We flounder under men's governments. Jesus' government is the hope of Xmas: His saving sov'ty: present & eternal peace - in Him, we are made alive, forgiven, adopted as sons w/ eternal inheritace - citizens of King Jesus..
5. Hear the angelic birth announcement - Lk 2:10-14 Merry Xmas.