

THE CHRISTMAS SERVICE SERIES 2010  
THE CELEBRATION, ADORATION AND DEFENSE OF JESUS CHRIST,  
THE SON OF GOD, THE CHRISTMAS STORY

**Isaiah 9:6**

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THE THEME & TITLE OF OUR CHRISTMAS SERIES

**THE NAME - "WONDERFUL"**

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Part 1 of 4

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

**Salvation, Christmas, Faith, Hope, Love, Worship**

**Introduction to the Text;**

**Isaiah 9:6**

**"State The Contextual Summation and Theme"**

**Have you noticed just how much "absolutes"** are under attack today in our world? – Absolutes are truths worth searching out and finding. Christmas is one of those greatest absolutes because the message of Christmas is a message of absolute meaning and purpose.

**I am repeatedly amazed at the hypocrisy** of our secular culture. It's culture that decorates for Christmas first. It's the culture that produces and air's television commercials about Christmas – but its that same culture that says – "Keep Jesus Christ Our of Christmas"

**There is an inability for many people today to admit** that there is a right and a wrong, a black or white, a good or evil.

## When we talk about Christmas, we're talking about

The incarnation of the Lord Jesus Christ which is the central fact of Christianity. Upon it rests the superstructure of Christian theology. No portion of Scripture has received more intense examination, more scholarly research, and more theological debate than the four Gospel accounts as they unfold the birth and life of the Lord Jesus Christ. A correct interpretation of the Biblical revelation of the four Gospels ultimately establishes the guidelines for all other biblical interpretations.

### Isaiah 9:6

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given;  
And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His Name will be called  
**Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

## It All Comes Down to "Hashem"

or **The Name**. The Name of God

The Name of the Judeo-Christian God of the Bible Describes His nature...

### Psa. 68:3

But let the righteous be glad; Let them rejoice before God; Yes, let them rejoice exceedingly. :4 Sing to God, sing praises to His name; Extol Him who rides on the clouds, **By His name YAH**, And rejoice before Him.

### Is. 26:4

Trust in the LORD forever, For **in YAH, the LORD**, *is* everlasting strength.

YHWH

### Jer. 33:2

Thus saith the LORD the maker thereof, the LORD that formed it,  
to establish it; the LORD *is* his name;

### Is. 12:3-5

Therefore with joy you will draw water From the wells of salvation. :4 And in that day you will say: "Praise the LORD, call upon His name; Declare His deeds among the peoples, Make mention that His name is exalted. :5 Sing to the LORD, For He has done excellent things; This *is* known in all the earth.

### Prov. 30:4

Who has ascended into heaven, or descended? Who has gathered the wind in His fists? Who has bound the waters in a garment? Who has established all the ends of the earth? **What is His name**, and **what is His Son's name**, if you know?

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# THE NAME - “WONDERFUL”

## 1.) The Christ of Christmas is “Wonderful” Because

**WONDERFUL**, - נִפְלְאוּ **pele**}, peh'-leh; from 6381 The Marvelous thing. To excite wonder or admiration; to surprise; something strange; astonishing. that which exceeds natural power

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# THE CHRIST OF CHRISTMAS IS **WONDERFUL**

## 1a.) Because He's the **Eternal** God Come Down

“**Eternal**” meaning – He has always existed in eternity

### Micah 5:2

“But you, **Bethlehem**, Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me The **One to be Ruler** in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, From **everlasting**.”

### John 1:1-3,14

In the beginning (physical universe) was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. :2 He was in the beginning with God. :3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made... :14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

### John 8:56-59

Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw *it* and was glad.” :57 Then the Jews said to Him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?” :58 Jesus said to them, “**Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.**” :59 Then they took up stones to throw at Him;

### John 10:30-33

**I and My Father are one.” :31** Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him.  
:32 Jesus answered them, **“Many good works I have shown you from My Father. For which of those works do you stone Me?” :33** The Jews answered Him, saying, “For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy, and because You, being a Man, make Yourself God.”

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## THE CHRIST OF CHRISTMAS IS **WONDERFUL**

### 1b.) Because He's the **Interactive** God Come Down

**“Interactive”** meaning - He's come down, that we can know Him

### Gal. 4:4

But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son,  
born of a woman, born under the law,

### Matt. 1:18-21

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. :19 Then Joseph her husband, being a just *man*, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. :20 But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, **for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.** :21 And she will **bring forth a Son**, and you shall call His name **JESUS**, for **He will save His people from their sins.**”

### 1John 1:1-3

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life - :2 the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us - :3 that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship *is* with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.

## The Christmas Message is about the Virgin Conception & Birth of The Jesus Christ

Is. 7:14

Therefore the Lord Himself will give you **a sign (a wonder, miracle, supernatural)**: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name **Immanuel**.

Matt. 1:23

*“Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name **Immanuel**,”* which is translated, **“God with us.”**

John 1:18

No one has seen God at any time. The only **begotten** Son, Who **is in the** bosom of the Father, He has **declared** Him.

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## THE CHRIST OF CHRISTMAS IS **WONDERFUL**

### 1c.) Because He's the **Transcendent** God Come Down

**“Transcendent”** meaning – He is above and beyond all things

This Next Verse Gives a Profound Argument as to Why Jesus Christ is all together “above and beyond” all others.

Heb. 13:8

Jesus Christ *is* the same yesterday, today, and forever.

1Tim. 3:16

And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, Justified in the Spirit, Seen by angels, Preached among the Gentiles, Believed on in the world, Received up in glory.

Proverbs 30:4

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# THE CHRIST OF CHRISTMAS IS **WONDERFUL**

## 1d.) Because He's the **Redeeming** God Come Down

“**Redeeming**” meaning – He alone is the one who can rescue mankind

### Is. 44:6

“Thus says the **LORD**, the **King** of Israel, And his **Redeemer**, the **LORD of hosts**: ‘I am the **First** and I am the **Last**; Besides Me there is no **God**.’

### Luke 2:25-35

And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the Consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. :26 And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. :27 So he came by the Spirit into the temple. And when the parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the law, :28 he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said: :29 *“Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, According to Your word; :30 For my eyes have seen Your salvation :31 Which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, :32 A light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, And the glory of Your people Israel.”* :33 And Joseph and His mother marveled at those things which were spoken of Him. :34 Then Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother, *“Behold, this Child is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign which will be spoken against :35 (yes, a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.”*

### Psa. 2:11-12

Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. :12 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish *from* the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.

### Gal. 4:4-5

But when the fullness of the time had come, **God** sent forth His **Son**, born of a woman, born under the law, :5 to **redeem** those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

### John 10:9-11

I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. :10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly. :11 “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.

### Rom. 1:2-4

God promised before through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures, :3 concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was *born of the seed of David according to the flesh,* :4 and declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.

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## THE CHRIST OF CHRISTMAS IS **WONDERFUL**

### 1e.) Because He's the **Sacrificial** God Come Down

“**Sacrificial**” meaning – He was the one who invented our salvation

### 2Pet. 1:16

For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty.

## Everyone – Take your Bibles and Turn to Isaiah

### Is. 53:1-12

Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? :2 He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. :3 He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. :4 Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. :5 But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed....

**:6** We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. **:7** He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. **:8** By oppression and judgment he was taken away. And who can speak of his descendants? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was stricken. **:9** He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth. **:10** Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life a guilt offering, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand. **:11** After the suffering of his soul, he will see the light [of life] and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities. **:12** Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

### **John 3:16**

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

### **1John 3:16**

By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us.

### **Luke 2:6-14. Matthew 2:1-2**

So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. **:7** And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. **:8** Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. **:9** And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. **:10** Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. **:11** For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. **:12** And this *will be* the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger." **:13** And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying....



:14 "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"  
:15 So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, "Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us." :16 And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger...  
**Matt. 2:1** Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, :2 Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, *and are come to worship him.*

## JUST HOW WONDERFUL IS THIS NAME OF HIS

Revelation 1:7-8 says that **Jesus** is the Almighty.  
But Genesis 17:1 says that the **Almighty** is God.

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John 8:58 says that **Jesus** is the "I Am"  
But Exodus 3:14 says that the "I Am" is God

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Acts 3:14 says that **Jesus** is the "HOLY ONE"  
But Isaiah 43:15 says that the "HOLY ONE" is **God**

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John 8:24 says that **Jesus** is the "I Am He"  
But Isaiah 43:10 says that the "I Am He" is God

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Revelation 22:13 says that **Jesus** is the "First and the Last"  
But Isaiah 44:6 says that the "First and the Last" is God

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I Corinthians 10:4 says that **Jesus** is "The Rock"  
Psalm 18:31 says that "The Rock" is God

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John 5:21 says that **Jesus** raises the dead.  
But 1 Sam 2:6 says that God **raises the dead**

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John 8:12 says that **Jesus** is the Light  
But Isaiah 60:19-20 says that God is the **Light**.

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Matt 25:31-46 says that **Jesus** is the Judge  
But in Joel 3:12 it says that God is the **Judge**

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Colossians 1:16 says that **Jesus** is the Creator of angels:  
But Psalms 148:5 says that the **Creator of angels** is God

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Heb 1:6 says that angles worshiped **Jesus**  
But in Psalm 148:2 it says that angles **worship God**

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II Corinthians 11:2 says that **Jesus** is the "One HUSBAND"  
But Jeremiah 31:32 says that the "One HUSBAND" is God

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Matthew 23:8 says that **Jesus** is the "ONE MASTER"

But Malachi 1:6 says that the "**ONE MASTER**" is God

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John 10:16 says that **Jesus** is the "One SHEPHERD"

But Isaiah 40:11 says that the "**ONE SHEPHERD**" is God

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Acts 4:12 says that **Jesus** is the "ONE SAVIOR"

But Isaiah 45:21 says that the "**ONE SAVIOR**" is God

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Luke 1:68 says that **Jesus** is the "ONE REDEEMER"

But Isaiah 41:14 says that the "**ONE REDEEMER**" is God

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Revelation 19:16 says that **Jesus** is "LORD OF LORDS"

Deuteronomy 10:17 says that the "**LORD OF LORDS**" is God

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Philippians 2:10 says that every knee must bow to **Jesus**

But Isaiah 45:23 says that every knee must **bow** to God

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John 1: 3-10 says that **Jesus** is the "ONE CREATOR"

But Genesis 1:1 says that the "**ONE CREATOR**" is God

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John 1:49 says that **Jesus** is "KING OF ISRAEL"

But Isaiah 44:6 says that the "**KING OF ISRAEL**" is God

#### **Phil. 2:9-11 / Acts 4:12**

Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, :10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, :11 and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father. **Acts 4:12** Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

## **THE INVITATION TO RECEIVE JESUS CHRIST**

*End of Study*