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 CHRISTAMS SERIES

THE NAME "COUNSELOR"

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Part 2 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"

MERRY CHRISTMAS CHURCH !!!

Who Is The Christ of Christmas? – It's None Other Than The Lord Jesus Christ Just as The Bible Reveals.

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.

The Christmas Account is More Than a Story

- It's an Actual, Factual Event in History - That was First Given in a "Prophetic" or ""Futuristic" Message by God Himself.

The Very First "Esatological" or Futuristic

Message Ever Given to Mankind is The Christmas Message!

In Genesis 3 we're introduced to the "Counsel of Satan" and how he stands in opposition to mankind and the things of God.

But no sooner does mankind reject and sin against God that we the Lord speak to us in the most profound, prophetic language in the Bible. "Salvation Will Come"

Gen. 3:15

And I will put enmity Between you (satan) and the woman, And between your seed (the lost) and her Seed (messiah); He (messiah) shall bruise your (satan) head, And you shall bruise His heel." (cause to suffer)

It's "The Bulk-of-the-Book"

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Ultimately, this will be fulfilled in the Millennium,

when Jesus Christ Physically returns and rules the earth as King of Kings and Lord of Lords

But What Will His Government Look Like?

Governments look like those who establish them. First of all, it would look like its king. Politicians of this day look for what they can get from you.

Jesus looks for what He can do for you.

How We Need Jesus Christ Today in America

Judg. 17:6

In those days *there was* no king in Israel; everyone did *what was* right in his own eyes.

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THE NAME - "COUNSELOR"

2.) The Christ of Christmas is "Counselor" Because

Counselor yaw-ats;

to deliberate, to argue, to **reason**. To give counsel, to inform, to guide, (with the intent to provide purpose and meaning.) It's a word that has gone from the Hebrew to Latin to the English when used in a court of law - discovery.

Webster's 1823 Dictionary:

The action of finding something hidden; as in the discovery of gold or silver that's hidden in the earth. The act of finding out something or bringing something to light. The coming to the knowledge of or the discovery of truth.

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THE CHRIST OF CHRISTMAS IS COUNSELOR

2a.) Because Jesus Christ is The Wisdom of God

1Cor. 1:24

but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

Rev. 5:5-6

But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals." :6 And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes,

which are the seven Spirits of God

Is. 11:2

The (1) Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, (The Branch).
The (2) Spirit of wisdom and (3) understanding, The Spirit of (4) counsel and (5) might, The Spirit of (6) knowledge and (7) of the fear of the LORD.

Col. 2:8-10

Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ. (usc, ucla ect.) :9 For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; :10 and you are complete in Him,

Psa. 1:1-4

Blessed *is* the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; **:2** But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night. **:3** He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper. **:4** The ungodly *are* not so, But *are* like the chaff which the wind drives away.

Mic. 6:8

He has shown you, O man, what *is* good; And what does the LORD require of you But to **do justly**, To **love mercy**, And to **walk humbly with your God**?

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THE CHRIST OF CHRISTMAS IS COUNSELOR

2b.) Because Jesus is The Life of God

John 14:6

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

Rev. 1:17-18

And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. :18 I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen.

Col. 3:4

When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

1John 5:20

And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.

Rev. 2:8

"And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write, 'These things says the First and the Last, who was dead, and came to life:

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THE CHRIST OF CHRISTMAS IS COUNSELOR

2c.) Because Jesus is The Truth of God

Rev. 19:11

Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war.

Psa. 32:8-9

I will **instruct** you and **teach** you in the way you should go; I will **guide** you with My eye. **:9** Do not be like the horse *or* like the mule, *Which* have no understanding, Which must be harnessed with bit and bridle, Else they will not come near you.

Prov. 3:5-8

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding;

:6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths. :7 Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and depart from evil. :8 It will be health to your flesh, And strength to your bones.

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2d.) Because Jesus is The Priest of God

Heb. 4:14

Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

Matt. 1:21

And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins."

Is. 1:18-19

"Come now, and let us **reason** together," Says the LORD, "Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool. **:19** If you are willing and obedient, You shall eat the good of the land;

Heb. 10:19-22

Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, :20 by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, :21 and *having* a High Priest over the house of God, :22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith.

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THE CHRIST OF CHRISTMAS IS COUNSELOR

2e.) Because Jesus is The Hope of God

1Tim. 1:1

Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ, by the commandment of God our Savior and the Lord Jesus Christ, our **hope**,

I Need a Hope That is Bigger Than This World

Is. 40:13

Who has understood the mind of the LORD, or instructed him as His **counselor**?

Psa. 31:24

Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart, All you who **hope** in the LORD.

Psa. 46:10

Be still, and **know** that I *am* God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!

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THE CHRIST OF CHRISTMAS IS COUNSELOR

2f.) Because Jesus is The Creation of God

Rev. 3:14

"And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write, 'These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God:

Heb. 1:1-2

God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, :2 has in these last days spoken to us by *His* Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the **worlds**.

worlds = αἰών aion, ahee-ohn

Col. 1:15-16

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. :16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth,

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THE CHRIST OF CHRISTMAS IS COUNSELOR

2g.) Because Jesus is The Prophet of God

Matt. 5:2-4a

Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying: :3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. :4 Blessed are those who...

ls. 9:2

The people who walked in darkness Have seen a great light; Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, Upon them a light has shined.

Acts 3:22

For Moses truly said to the fathers, "The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your brethren. Him you shall hear in all things, whatever He says to you.

Matt. 21:11

So the multitudes cried out saying, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee."

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THE CHRIST OF CHRISTMAS IS COUNSELOR

2h.) Because Jesus is The Mediator of God

Gen. 3:15

And I will put enmity **Between** you (and the woman, And **Between** your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."

1Tim. 2:5-6a

For there is **one** God and **one Mediator** between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, :6 who gave Himself a ransom for all...

Mediator μεσίτης mesites, mes-ee´-tace; the one and only "go-between", the one who is the sole reconciler, intercessor, representitive.

John 14:6

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through Me.

Satan Hates This Fact

(and it is a fact – Christmas is a fact)

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"What Do Atheist Do On Christmas Day?"

(O' Yes – It's About Santa Claus and Flying Reindeer – but that's not a myth)

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THE CHRIST OF CHRISTMAS IS COUNSELOR

2i.) Because Jesus is The Vine of God

John 15:1

"I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.

John 15:1,5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... **:5** "I am the **vine**, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing...

John 15:6-8

If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw *them* into the fire, and they are burned. **:7** If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. **:8** By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

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THE CHRIST OF CHRISTMAS IS COUNSELOR

2j.) Because Jesus is The Word of God

Rev. 19:11-13

Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. :12 His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. :13 He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called **The Word of God.**

1John 5:7

For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one.

1John 1:1

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—

THE CHRIST OF CHRISTMAS IS COUNSELOR

2k.) Because Jesus is The Love of God

1John 4:8

He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

1John 4:16

And we have known and believed the **love** that God has for us. God is **love**, and he who abides in **love** abides in God, and God in him.

Titus 3:4-6

But when the kindness and the **love** of **God our Savior** toward man appeared, :5 not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the **Holy Spirit**, :6 whom He poured out on us abundantly through **Jesus Christ our Savior**.

BTW - Notice the Trinity of God Here

Rom. 8:38-39

For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, :39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

John 15:13

Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.

And The End Comes - Just Before The Beginning