

Unto to Us a Son is Born

Isa 9:6-7 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. Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

Upon reading this passage there are two major questions that come before us. First, who is the “us” to whom this Child is given? And secondly, who is “this Child”? And to properly understand this passage those two questions must be answered. Is it a promise to the whole of mankind? Is it a promise to the secular nation of Israel, the seed of Abraham by natural generation? Or is it a promise to the church, the elect of God; who are the seed of Abraham by faith? If it is a promise to the world at large it would raise this question, what value then was His birth since they have rejected Him? And the same could be said if it were a promise to national Israel, the seed of Abraham by natural generation, since they too have rejected this child that was born. However if it is a promise to those who are the seed of Abraham by faith, to the elect of God, then it will take on great significance of eternal and glorious consequence.

A. Who is the “us” in this passage?

1. To come to the understanding of who is the “us”, one need simply to consider the context of this passage.
2. In the three chapters we have been considering, i.e. 6 thru 9 we first read of the “us” in chapter 6 verse 13.

*But yet a tenth will be in it, and will return and be for consuming, as a terebinth tree or as an oak, whose stump remains when it is cut down. **So the holy seed shall be its stump.***

- a. We understand then that the “us” is the remnant of the oak tree that has been cut down.
- b. To the seed of Abraham to as many as the Lord our God shall call. (Acts 2:39)
- c. It is to all who by grace alone have been grant faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Rom 3:21-22 But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe.

Rom 3:29-30 “. . . is He the God of the Jews only? Is He not also the God of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also, since there is one God who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith.

3. That Baby born of the Virgin in Bethlehem is the gift given, and He was given to “all who believe in Him.”

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that the one believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

4. And who are those who will believe?
 - a. It is those who have been given the gift of faith by “grace alone”
 - b. By grace - through faith, and that “faith” not of yourselves, it is the gift of God (cf. Eph. 2:8,9)
5. The message of the Angels some two thousand years ago is true to “us’ who are in Christ here this morning.
- *Luke 2:10-12 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. For **there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.***

B. Now as to the Who is this one given to us. - *Isa 9:6 And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

1. Wonderful Counselor

- a. Some separate these two words, but the title “wonderful” simply describes the kind of “Counselor” the Lord is.
 - (1) Counselor - One who proclaims the purpose and will of God
 - (2) Road to Emmaus Jesus opened the Scriptures to the two disciples
 - (3) Paul for instance declared the “whole counsel” of God in his teaching.
 - (4) Christ then was that wonderful instructor, fulfilling the office of Prophet giving us insight into the will and purpose of God.
 - (5) He did not speak on His own authority but with the authority of heaven itself.

*John 7:16,17 - And the Jews marveled, saying, "**How does this Man know letters, having never studied?**"*

*John 7:17 Jesus answered them and said, "**My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me.** If anyone wills to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God or whether I speak on My own authority.*

(6) Why it was said of Jesus - No one ever taught like this man.

2. Mighty God - el gibor / el Hebrew for God / gibor is Hebrew for mighty

- a. This name proclaims that Jesus is truly God
- b. As God manifest in the flesh - the Father commanded the very angels of heaven to worship Him at His birth. - *Heb 1:6 But when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says: "Let all the angels of God **worship Him.**"*
- c. He is truly God and truly Man
- d. Why Jesus received this title from Thomas - My Lord and My God
- e. This glorious title "El gibor" could never belong to any mere man.
- f. When Jesus said - Before Abraham was "ego eimi" I AM - the very name Jehovah - The Eternally Existing One

3. The Everlasting Father

- a. On first hearing this seems to be confusing, how could the Son be the Father
- b. With careful consideration of the following all the confusion will disappear
 - (1) Jesus said, "I and the Father are one". - Jn. 10:1
 - (2) He that has seen me has seen the Father - Jn 14:8-10
 - (3) Jesus was the "Express Image" of the Father - *Heb 1:3 ". . . who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person."*
 - (4) Jesus was the radiance of the glory of the Father - *brightness of His glory*
 - (5) Glorify me with the glory which I had with you - before the world was. (Jn 17:5)
 - (6) John's testimony - John 1:14 *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.***
 - (7) Jesus was indeed the "everlasting Father" manifest in the flesh therefore veiled in flesh but the very the revealer of the Father

4. The Prince of Peace

- a. Some have said that since there has not been peace on earth but wars and rumors of wars Jesus failed in His mission
- b. But the peace that he gives is not to be compared with the peace of this world -*John 14:27 Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you.*
- c. In Christ we who were at enmity with God are now at peace with God - *Rom 5:1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, **we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ***
- d. Man could hope for no greater peace than that.
- e. All that separated us from God has been removed in Christ
- f. Everything that brought pain, sorrow and separation the Prince of Peace has removed. *Rev 21:3-4*

CONCLUSION: - To "us" a Son has been given, to "us" a child was born.

Do you cherish your standing in Christ this morning?

Do you cherish this gift?

May your heart burn within you when we hear what this gift has given you.

Eph 2:11-18 Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh — who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands — that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.