

SCRIPTURE: God's Law (Ex. 20) and Isaiah 9:1-7 & 11:1-10
SINGING: 198:1-5 – 172:2-3 – 240:1, 3, 5 – 243:1-4 – 424:1-2

THE TIDINGS OF HOPE (2)

I. IN THE PERSON OF CHRIST II. IN THE NAMES OF CHRIST

III. IN THE GOVERNMENT OF CHRIST

II. THE TIDINGS OF HOPE IN THE NAMES OF CHRIST

A. These Names of Jesus are like His titles

1. His Names reveal to us God Who provided Him

2. His Names also reveal what we need most in our hopeless state

B. Consider His first set of Names: *Wonderful Counselor* (Is. 28:29)

1. "Wonderful" refers to His Divine glory (Judges 13:18)

2. His quality addresses our deepest needs: *our sin and sinfulness issue*

C. Consider His second set of Names: *The Mighty God* (Is. 10:21)

1. This description addressed our need for divine power to be saved

a. He makes His people willing in the day of His power

- reasons we resist Him

b. if He was not the *Mighty God* all His 'good counsel' would fail

2. Behold our NT Gideon Who is able to deal with our *Midian-like oppression*

a. though the Gospel of Christ is *foolishness and weakness* in the eyes of the unsaved, it is the *wisdom and power of God* (1 Cor. 1)

3. Turn to Him in confidence that His power was given to serve you

D. Consider His third set of Names: *The Everlasting Father*

1. This name addressed a third need in us: *homelessness*

a. we were created as part of God's family

b. sin made us 'fatherless – spiritual orphans – wanderers in banishment

2. Everlasting Father described a quality of our Redeemer rather than a reference to the Trinity

3. Will you fear Him pictured in Luke 15:20, 28?

E. Consider His fourth set of Names: *Prince of Peace*

1. This King seeks not greatness and prestige like other kings

a. consider His intentions: *bring peace through His death*

b. consider His methods: *preach peace and pardon to rebels*

2. Consider where the 'author of this peace': 2 Cor. 5:19; John 6:32b

III. The hope of the Gospel is the government of Christ

A. God will finish what He has begun from dawn of history (Genesis 3:15)

1. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this

2. His work may seem small and weak yet there will be a steady increase

3. His Kingdom will last because of the pillars on which it is founded

Reflection:

A. How will you answer His calls?

Behold my Servant ... (Is. 42:1)

Look unto Me ... (Is. 45:22)

Ho, everyone that thirsteth, come ye to the waters ... (Is. 55:1)