

# UNTO US A SAVIOR

## Isaiah's Vision of Christmas

**“A Child is Born, a Son is Given—For Us”**

**12/8/24 Text: Isaiah 9:1-7**

### 1. Hope comes in the midst of the gloomy darkness (vs. 1).

*[1] But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.*

### 2. The unexpected impact of the Light (vs. 2-5).

*[2] The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,  
on them has light shone.*

*[3] You have multiplied the nation;  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as they are glad when they divide the spoil.*

*[4] For the yoke of his burden,  
and the staff for his shoulder,  
the rod of his oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.*

*[5] For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult  
and every garment rolled in blood  
will be burned as fuel for the fire.*

### 3. The astounding identity of the Savior (vs. 6-7a).

*[6] For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given;  
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,*

*and his name shall be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
[7] Of the increase of his government and of peace  
there will be no end,  
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,  
to establish it and to uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time forth and forevermore.*

### 4. The gracious commitment of Yahweh (vs. 7b).

*The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.*

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#### Points to Ponder

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1. Recognize the Darkness without Christ.
2. Rejoice in the Joy of Salvation.
3. Rest in the Peace of Christ.
4. Respond to the Reign of the King.

**Application Questions:** How does the promise of Jesus as the “light in the darkness” bring hope to you? In what ways does the joy described in Isaiah 9:3 inspire you to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas, even in challenging times? As we reflect on Christ as the “Wonderful Counselor,” how can His wisdom guide your heart and decisions during the busyness of the holiday season? The titles of Jesus in Isaiah 9:6 remind us of the profound gift of His coming. Which of these titles speaks to your heart this Advent season, and why? How does the promise of Christ’s eternal reign fill you with hope as you celebrate His birth and anticipate His return? How can you intentionally reflect the peace of Christ in your family gatherings, friendships, or community during this Christmas season?

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