Names of Christ: Reflection on Christmas

Part 1

Christ: Greek Khrīstos, Hebrew word Messiah, or "anointed one" Christmas: “Mass of Christ” first noted in the year 1038 a Catholic mass in honor of a saint.

Bethlehem - “House of Bread” insignificant place. God’s Plan: Choose insignificant people, places, things to accomplish His divine purposes. I Corinthians 1: 27-29

Immanuel: God with us. Isaiah 7: 10 -14

God offers King Ahaz a sign, a miracle, testing his faith. Faith that must be unshakable, defined not by what we see with our eyes.

The Lord will give to all humanity the same sign: when we feel threatened, intimidated, pressed upon, worried, and anxious, we can’t trust what we see and we definitely can’t trust ourselves. 1 Timothy 3:16 God with us

Wonderful Counselor: Isaiah 9: 6 - 7

Wonderful: literally means “incomprehensible, doesn’t make sense; beyond understanding”.

Examples of ‘wonderful’

Matthew 1:23 Look! The virgin will conceive a child! Matthew 4:23 His power to “heal every kind of disease and illness” Mark 1:22 The people were amazed at his teaching, for he taught with real authority—quite unlike the teachers of religious law. Hebrews 4:15 His perfect life, facing the same testing we do, yet he did not sin. Mark 16:6 His resurrection from the dead. Matthew 5:11 “Rejoice and be glad” in persecution. Luke 6:27 “Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you”

Counselor: OT “wise king” like Solomon, guidance recognized 1 Kings 4:34

Jesus is a wise counselor. “No one needed to tell Him about human nature, for He knew what was in each person’s heart”. John 2:25

Jesus sent His Spirit as our helper and counselor John 14: NKJV 26 - 27

Characteristics of our Wonderful Counselor:

Highly qualified: Colossians 2:3, Psalm 139:1–2

Nothing surprises Him: Hebrews 4:15–16

Trustworthy: Proverbs 3:6-7

Great listener: Philippians 4:6; James 1:5

Eternal Friend: 1 John 4:19

Lover of our Soul: Romans 5:8

The Christ child came because we are filled with darkness, sin separates from God, His light destroys darkness now Immanuel has come, and His spirit can provide everything we need.