

**“GOD’S WONDROUS GIFT”**

**Isaiah 9:6-7**

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**I. What did God give those living in oppressive darkness? (vv. 6a)**

*“For to us a child is born”*

*“to us a son is given”*

**God’s wonderful gift was a \_\_\_\_\_.**

*“God’s answer to everything that has ever terrorized us is a child.”* -Ray Ortlund

*“Until they are in trouble and distress, until they feel the bitterness and fear the consequences of their sins, and see the impossibility of helping themselves, they will not apply to him.”* -John Newton

**II. Why is this wondrous gift an answer to the darkness? (vv. 6b, 7)**

*“government shall be upon his shoulder”*

*“of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end”*

*“on the throne of David and over his kingdom”*

*“justice and with righteousness”*

*“zeal of the LORD of hosts.”*

**God’s wondrous gift is a \_\_\_\_\_ King.**

*“In our nature he suffered, and in the same nature he reigns.”* -John Newton

*“Cheer up no, you faint-hearted warrior. Not only has Christ traveled this road, but He has defeated your enemies.”* -Charles Spurgeon

III. What is so special about this wondrous gift? (vv. 6c)

*“Wonderful Counselor”*

*“Mighty God”*

*“Everlasting Father”*

*“Prince of Peace”*

God’s wondrous gift is His \_\_\_\_\_ Son and all His \_\_\_\_\_.

*“Only the mighty God could be a suitable Shepherd to lead millions of weak, helpless creatures to glory, through the many difficulties, dangers, and enemies they are exposed to in this passage.”*

-John Newton

*“... there is in Christ abundance of protection for defending our salvation...”*

-John Calvin

*“The decisions of a king make or break a kingdom and a kingdom designed to be everlasting demands a wisdom like that of the everlasting God.”*

-Alec Motyer

*“‘Prince of Peace’ then does not mean that the prince is peaceful but that he has the power to bring and enforce peace, even in a world where many don’t care to have it.”*

-Ralph Dale Davis

**BIG IDEA:** God gives us the wondrous gift of His Son & His kingdom.