

## **“CHRISTMAS WITH ISAIAH”**

Message #1 of 6

### **“A CHILD”**

***In the person of Jesus Christ our gloom has ended  
and our joy has just begun.***

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Psalm 9:1-7

#### **1. NO MORE GLOOM – HONOR (v.1)**

***“There will be no more gloom for those in distress.”***

- Zebulun & Naphtali – Peoples who had failed to obey God’s command; whose land was viewed by the Jews in Judea as a place of dishonor, full of Gentile pagans.

Jesus himself went to these lands to fulfill Isaiah’s prophecy. – Matthew 4:12-16

#### **2. A GREAT LIGHT – AWAKENING (v.2)**

***“The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.”***

- “I was blind but now I see.” – John 9:25

#### **3. THE END OF OUR BURDENS – JOY (v.3-5)**

***“You have shattered the yoke that burdens them.”***

Midian’s defeat (Judges 6 & 7) = the end of our striving to save ourselves and the reinstatement of God’s power as the only means for us to be restored.

- “You have too many men for me to deliver Midian into their hands. In order that Israel may not boast against me that her own strength has saved her ... (reduce the number of men.” – Judges 7:2

- “Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.” – Matthew 11:28

#### **4. A GIFT IS GIVEN – PEACE (v.6-7a)**

***“For to us child is born, to us a son is given.”***

- “Wonderful Counselor”
- “Almighty God”
- “Everlasting Father”
- “Prince of Peace”

His Government —

- No end of peace
- David’s throne
- Establish & upholding justice
- Righteousness forever

*“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.” – John 14:27*

#### **5. THE ZEAL OF THE LORD – FULFILLMENT (v.7b)**

***“The zeal of the Lord will accomplish this.”***

- “Being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.” – Philippians 1:6