



Hope: Deferred!

Date: December 20th, 2020

Text: Isaiah 9:6

Passage Summary: When it comes to the true and lasting hope of the Christmas story, it is not just something to be _____ at this special time of year, it is something that was _____ for us by God centuries before it ever came to be!

180 Degree Truth #1: See that God's eternal hope for humanity would enter the world in the form of a _____ who would be _____ both in terms of His character and His reign! (9:6)

Application: Recognize that when it comes to the unique character and reign of this child, it is revealed through the prophetic titles that are used to describe Him;

He shall be called...

- Wonderful _____!

"The LORD is exalted, for he dwells on high; he will fill Zion with justice and righteousness. He will be the sure foundation for your times, a rich store of salvation and wisdom and knowledge; the fear of the LORD is the key to this treasure."

Isaiah 33:5-6

Remember: When it comes to the child who is our Wonderful Counselor, if we want to experience the _____ of the _____ He came to offer, we first have to humble ourselves and believe!

- Mighty _____!

"The Lord your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing."

Zephaniah 3:17

Remember: When it comes to the child who is our Mighty God, if we want to _____ His all surpassing _____ in and through our lives, we first have to humble ourselves and believe!

- Everlasting _____!

"Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God."

Psalms 90:2

Remember: When it comes to the child who is our Everlasting Father, if we want to experience the blessing of living _____ with Him in _____, we first have to humble ourselves and believe!

- Prince of Peace!

Remember: When it comes to peace this child came to offer, come back to join us for our Christmas eve service to discover what it is all about, and the difference it can make in your life today!

Core Conviction to Live By: Resolutely determine that while hope deferred can make the heart sick, it also serves to make our faith _____ and the fulfillment of that hope more _____ than we could have ever imagined; so don't give up, for that day could be a lot closer than you think!

"Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life."

Proverbs 13:12