

“His name shall be called Wonderful” Is. 9:6

Guided Growth with Pastor Keith @ CBC Christmas Eve AM

The word “Wonderful” in Is. 9:6 literally means “marvelous or miraculous”. It comes from a root word (paw-law) which means to “distinguish or accomplish”. Jesus is certainly “distinguished” because of what he “accomplished”!

1. Wonderful in His Birth.

It was:

- Heralded by Angels. (Luke 2:10)
- Hated by King Herod. (Mt. 2:16)
- Witnessed by Shepherds. (Luke 2:15-18)
- Worshipped by Wise men. (Mt. 2:11)

Luke 2:18-20 *“all they that heard it wondered (Thauma’zō: Marveled) at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen”*

2. Wonderful in His Life! Jn 1:14, Mark 6:51

- Mat 15:31 *“the multitude wondered, when they saw the dumb to speak, the maimed to be whole, the lame to walk, the blind to see: and they glorified God.”*
- Lk 4:22 *“And all... wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth.”*
- Lk 8:25 *“And they being afraid wondered, saying... What manner of man is this!”*
- Lk 9:43 *“they were all amazed at the mighty power of God; while they wondered every one at all things which Jesus did.”*

3. Wonderful in His Death!

- His enemies could find no fault in him. (Mt. 27:24)
- The sun hid its face. (Mat. 27:45)
- The earth quaked. (Mt. 27:51)
- The dead rose to life. (Mt. 27:52)
- The veil of the temple parted. (Mt. 27:51)
- His mother was provided for. (John 19:26,27)
- A condemned thief was pardoned. (Luke 23:43)
- The soldiers who put him to death declared: *“Truly this was the son of God”* Mt. 27:54

4. Wonderful in His Resurrection Luke 24:41

“Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see... they yet believed not for joy, and wondered”

5. Wonderful in His Return

- **The Rapture of the Church.** 1 Thes 4:16-18 *“For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.”*
- **The Return of Christ.** Rev. 19:11-16 *“And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. The armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.”*

Jesus is truly Wonderful in His Birth, Life, Death, and Return!

Rev 21:5-6 *“And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. ...*

Write: for these words are true and faithful. It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.”

Are you Thirsty? (John 4:13,14)

Application: I wonder... Do you know Him?

Col 1:27 *“To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:”*

Hope: from elpo (to anticipate with pleasure)

If you Know “Christ in You” → You Know “the hope of Glory”

No “Christ in you” → No “Hope of Glory!”

(John 3:36, 1 John 5:12)



Don't waste this

“wonderful” opportunity!

Hebrews 2:3 *“How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?”*

Hebrews 3:7-8 *“Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith), To day if ye will hear his voice, Harden not your hearts”*