

Our Wonderful Lord Isaiah 9:6

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Many people enjoy watching the Christmas Classic movie “It’s a Wonderful Life” .

The original Christmas Classic is a celebration of a truly “Wonderful life”. (2 Cor 8:9)

Pr. 22:1 reminds us that *“A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches”*

Phil. 2:9 tells us that because of Jesus’ obedience *“God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name (onoma: authority, character) which is above every name:”*

Isaiah 9:6 *“Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given. . . And his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.”*

The Hebrew word “Wonderful” פִּלְאָה (pe’le) means a miracle: marvelous, a “wonder”. It comes from פָּלַח (pālā’) meaning to separate, distinguish, accomplish!

Jesus Wonderfully “accomplished” God’s plan of Redemption! Heb 7:26

Jesus is truly “Wonderful”:

1. In His Birth

A. He was:

- 1) Heralded by Angels (Luke 2:10)
- 2) Hated by King Herod (Mt 2:16)
- 3) Wondered by Shepherds (Lk 2:15-18)
- 4) Worshipped by Wise men. (Mt. 2:2,11)
- 5) “Wondered at” by many. (Lk 2:18-20)

2. In His Life. Jn 1:14 *“the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.”*

A. The Kenosis (emptying) of Christ (Phil. 2:5-11)

“He made himself of no reputation” Ph 2:7

B. His miracles revealed his majesty, as well as His Humanity! (Heb. 4:14-16)

Mk 6:51 *“...they were sore amazed in themselves beyond measure, and wondered”*

Mt 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”* (See also Lk 4:22; 8:25; 9:43)

3. In His Death.

A. At his death:

- 1) His judge could find no fault. (Mt. 27:24)
- 2) The sun hid its face. (Mat. 27:45)
- 3) The earth quaked. (Mt. 27:51)
- 4) The dead rose to life. (Mt. 27:52)
- 5) The veil of the temple tore. (Mt. 27:51)
- 6) His mother was provided for. (Jn 19:26,27)
- 7) A repentant thief was pardoned. (Lk 23:43)
- 8) Those who crucified him recognized Him. Mt 27:54 *“Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, truly this was the son of God”*

4. In His Resurrection.

Luke 24:41 *“Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?”*

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. In His Return

A. Phase One: The Rapture. 1 Thes. 4:16-18

B. Phase Two: His Second Coming Rev. 19:11-16

Conclusion:

He'll remain Wonderful throughout Eternity!

Rev 21:5 *“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.”*

Rev 22:17 *“And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.”*

Are you Thirsty (See 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”, then you Know “the hope of Glory”

If there is no “Christ in you”... Then there is no “Hope of Glory!”

Don't waste this “wonderful” opportunity!

2 Cor 6:2 *“For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured (relieved, helped) thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.” (see also Heb. 3:7,8,15)*

Consideration: Jesus is not only “Wonderful”

But he's “the Wonderful Counselor!” (yā‘aṣ’: advisor, guide)

If you follow him, he'll guide you to, and through his “Wonderful” plan.

Jer. 29:11; John 10:27,28

Ps. 73:24 *“Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory.”*