

Immanuel: Our Gift of Peace

Isaiah 9:1-7

The Setting (Isa. 8)

- Isaiah is telling the people of the coming Assyrian forces
 - And the short-term effects they will bring against Israel & Judah (Isa. 8:21-22)
- God is about to humble His people

Hope (v. 1-4)

- Israel's humbling will not be permanent (v. 1)
- Honor will come were the hammer first fell
 - Galilee
- Just like it did in Gideon's day (v. 4)

Coming Peace (v. 5-6a)

- They will burn up their war-gear because conflict will end (v. 5)
- This peace will not be brought about by another war-bent king
 - But rather by a child (v. 6a)

The Child of Peace (v. 6-7)

- But He will not be just another human king
 - His reign will last forever (v. 7a-b)
- He will be known as:
 - Wonderful Counselor (John 14:16; See also John 14:26; 15:26; 16:7)
 - Mighty God (John 1:1)
 - Everlasting Father (John 10:30)
 - Prince of Peace (Luke 2:14)
- This gift of peace is Jesus

So What?

- Jesus is God's gift of peace
 - In His first coming, He gave us peace with God (Romans 5:1)
 - In His second coming, He will bring an end to all conflict (v. 7)
- He is Immanuel, God with us

Meditation Verse: Luke 2:14

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."