

SERMON NOTES



He Shall Be Called: Everlasting Father! Constant Love!

December 15, 2024

⁶For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. **And he will be called**

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

A little matching game:

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| ___ Robert Goddard | A. Father of Television Talk Show |
| ___ Alexander G. Bell | B. Father of the Atomic Bomb |
| ___ Charles Babbage | C. Father of Modern Rocketry |
| ___ Steve Allen | D. Father of Eternity |
| ___ J. Robert Oppenheimer | E. Father of the Computer |
| ___ Jesus Christ | F. Father of the Telephone |

- *It is necessary at the outset to observe that the Messiah is not here called "Father," by way of any confusion with him who is pre-eminently called "THE FATHER. Our Lord's proper name, so far as Godhead is concerned, is not the Father, but the Son. Let us beware of confusion. The Son is not the Father, neither is the Father the Son; and though they be one God, essentially and eternally, being for evermore one and indivisible, yet still the distinction of persons is to be carefully believed and observed. ... Our text has no bearing upon the position and titles of the three Persons with regard to each other; it does not indicate the relation of Deity to itself, but the relation of Jesus Christ to us. He is to us "the everlasting Father." (Charles Spurgeon – 1866)*
- *It is the manner of the Easterns to call a man the father of a quality for which he is remarkable. To this day, among the Arabs, a wise man is called "the father of wisdom;" a very foolish man "the father of folly." The predominant quality in the man is ascribed to him as though it were his child, and he the father of it. Now, the Messiah is here called in the Hebrew "the Father of eternity," by which is meant that **he is pre-eminently the possessor of eternity as an attribute.** (Charles Spurgeon – 1866)*

Isaiah 9:7

*Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end.
He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and
upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and
forever.*

The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

Because Jesus is the Everlasting Father...

a. Jesus is God _____!

- *John 1:1-3 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning. 3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.*
- *John 8:57 "You are not yet fifty years old," the Jews said to him, "and you have seen Abraham!" 58 "I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, I am!" 59 At this, they picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus hid himself, slipping away from the temple grounds.*
- *Revelation 1:8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty."*

b. Jesus' _____ is always increasing!

1. Every person needs _____.

- *Mark 13:7 When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. 8 Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ... 10 And the gospel must first be preached to all nations.*

2. Every heart needs _____.

- *Luke 2:13 Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, 14 "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."*

3. Jesus' _____ will never end!

- *Luke 1:30 But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. 31 You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the*

throne of his father David, 33 and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end.”

- *Ephesians 2:19 Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God’s people and members of God’s household, 20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone*

1. It is founded on eternal _____.

Jeremiah 33:14 “ ‘The days are coming,’ declares the Lord, ‘when I will fulfill the gracious promise I made to the house of Israel and to the house of Judah. 15 “ ‘In those days and at that time I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David’s line; he will do what is just and right in the land. 16 In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. This is the name by which it will be called: The Lord Our Righteousness.’

- *John 1:14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

2. It assures us of eternal _____.

- *John 14:18 I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. 19 Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live.*
- *John 3:16 “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

**When Jesus is our Everlasting Father,
We know our _____ is secure!**

Everyone Outreach Witness Idea: *Life can feel very temporal and short. With Jesus our life here is a staging ground for life eternal. Share this hope and perspective with those who struggle with life.*

NEXT SUNDAY: He Shall Be Called: Prince of Peace!

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*And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace*

MY PERSONAL NOTES

SERMON REFLECTIONS: Apply to My Life

The thought the Spirit is leading me to focus on is:

The change the Spirit is leading me to work on is:

The action the Spirit is prompting me to take is:

My prayers today are:

Someone I would like to bless with today's message: