

SERMON NOTES

*Hope Is A Person
Isaiah 7:14-15; 9:6*

Hope is more than a good thought. Hope is a person, the person of Jesus Christ. Isaiah, as God's spokesman, prophesied God's promise to give His people a wonderful counselor.

Objective: I want you to trust and obey Jesus as the One Who guides every aspect of your life.

THE GIFT DESCRIBED: WONDERFUL

Jesus is uniquely and exclusively qualified to be the Lord of your life!

- Miraculous

Wonderful regularly means supernatural (Judges 13:18); at His first coming brought words of eternal life, when He comes again will rule with perfect wisdom (Isaiah 11:2).

- Marvelous

"Wonderful" is a word that primarily describes the LORD or extraordinary or supernatural things in the Scriptures; it means "extraordinary, surpassing, marvelous, wonderful." To describe the King with this Hebrew word "wonderful" is to ascribe to Him extraordinary, normally supernatural abilities.

THE GIFT DEFINED: COUNSELOR

The second part of the Messiah's title is the word "counselor." In ancient Israel, a counselor was portrayed as a wise king, such as Solomon, giving guidance to his people (1 Kings 4:34; Micah 4:9). Isaiah uses this word again in 28:29 to describe the LORD: "This also comes from the LORD of hosts; He is wonderful in counsel and excellent in wisdom."

Jesus is God's gift to you; He provides guidance that leads to life abundant and life everlasting!

- Jesus gives you advice you can trust (His Word)!

(John 7:46; John 14:6; Psalm 119:105; Psalm 19:7; 2 Timothy 3:16)

- Jesus guides you personally! (Psalm 23:1)

- Indwelling Holy Spirit (John 16:13; Psalm 16:7-8; Psalm 73:24; Psalm 32:8; James 3:17)

- Prayer (Proverbs 3:5-6; Jeremiah 33:3)

- Jesus gives you His church. (Proverbs 15:22; Proverbs 12:15)

Key question: Today, will you trust and obey Jesus to guide every aspect of your life?