

Scripture: Ten Commandments (Ex. 20) & Revelation 21:1-5; 22:7-21
Singing: 422:3-4 – 383:5 – 110:1-3 – 278:1 – 232:2 – 420:1-2

THE TIDINGS OF HOPE (3)

I. In the Person of Christ II. In the Names of Christ

III. In the Government of Christ

II. The Tidings of Hope in the Person and the Names of Christ

A. Review: *The Gospel is not only 'good news'*

1. Gospel is the revelation of God's provision for sinners (1 Cor. 1:24; Is. 9:6)

a. do you need a *Wonderful (Divine) Counselor*?

For in Him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily (Col. 2:9)

b. do you a *Mighty God*? (Matt. 28:18; Numbers 14:17-21)

B. Consider His 3rd Name: *The Everlasting Father*

1. We are not only in *darkness & bondage*. We are *homeless*. (S. Ferguson)

a. we were created as part of God's family

b. sin made us 'fatherless, spiritual orphans, wanderers in banishment'

2. How special is this name of our beautiful Savior: *Everlasting Father*

a. this is not in reference to the Trinity

b. He is *Everlasting Father* in His wonderful and divine quality as Jesus to His children: *Committed to be and love like a father forever*

c. Will you return to Him *pictured Himself as father in Luke 15:20, 28*?

C. Consider His 4th Name: *Prince of Peace*

1. Messiah is called 'Prince' (Ezek. 34:24; Daniel 9:25; Rev. 1:5)

a. He is unlike the princes of the world: *He came to serve* (Matt. 20:28)

b. His message: *Glory to God, peace on earth, goodwill toward men.*

God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not

imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. 2 Cor. 5:19

III. THE HOPE OF THE GOSPEL IS THE GOVERNMENT OF CHRIST

A. Isaiah's prophecy is 'history yet also future'

1. His Work as Messiah is not for *just now* but for *future glorification*

2. Security for this future: *the zeal of the LORD of host shall perform this*

a. The future is laid upon great shoulders: Ps. 89:19

● though His appearing in the manger, suffering in life, dying on the cross all appears *weak*, let us remember that He is no longer any of these but exalted at the right of hand of God

● His kingdom *is*, and *it shall never end*.

● His kingdom is established on *pillars of judgment and justice*

b. The future and final end of all God's zeal is *the new heaven and earth*

● Is. 65:17-15; Revelation 21-22

Closing Reflection: *Will you cast your lot in with this King of glory?*

*O, shall I ever see, that glorious heavenly sight
And with bright angels be, all dressed in purest white?
Yes, I shall join them in their bliss, if Christ is mine and I am His.*

*But is there hope for one, whose every breath is sin,
Has Christ the work begun, do I belong to Him?
Yes, for if the heart to Him is drawn, that soul from Him shall not be torn.*

*Jesus, on Thee and Thee alone my hope relies
To lead me beyond these earthly skies.
Assure my heart, so often filled with fear, to rest in Thee, my Shepherd be.*