



# MISSION CITY

## BIBLE CHURCH

**DATE:** Sunday, December 4, 2022

**TITLE:** His Name Shall Be: Wonderful Counsellor

**SERIES:** His Name Shall Be

**PASSAGE:** Isaiah 9:6

### INTRO:

### 3 REASONS YOU CAN TRUST JESUS AS YOUR WONDERFUL COUNSELLOR:

**1) Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ of all wonderful counsel (Isaiah 9:6)**

“wonderful”:

cf., Colossians 2:2-3

**2) Jesus’ counsel provides \_\_\_\_\_ for my heart (John 2:24-25)**

cf., Jeremiah 17:9

cf., Proverbs 4:7

**3) Jesus tells me what I \_\_\_\_\_ to hear (John 8:31-32)**

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cf., John 14:17

cf., John 16:13-14



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**DISCUSSION:**

1. “Wonderful” means unique, extraordinarily great, surprisingly excellent, causing to marvel. When have you received a wonderful gift that fits that definition?
2. “For to us a child is born” speaks to the humanity of Jesus. Where else in Scripture do we read of the humanity of Jesus? Why is it important that Jesus is fully human?
3. “To us a son is given” speaks to the divinity of Jesus. Where else in Scripture do we read of the divinity of Jesus? Why is it important that Jesus is fully divine?
4. Look up Colossians 2:2b-3. What is the source of wisdom and knowledge? What does that mean for our day-to-day struggles in life?
5. How does culture encourage people to seek wisdom apart from Jesus? What are the subtle and not-so-subtle ways we are encouraged to define our own “truth”?
6. The world’s counsel says to *follow your heart*. What do Proverbs 4:23, Proverbs 27:19, Jeremiah 17:9, and Matthew 12:34 say about our hearts? Considering those verses, why is it dangerous advice to follow our hearts?
7. What do the following verses tell us about truth, and how does biblical truth differ from worldly truth? See John 8:31-32, John 14:17, John 16:13-14.
8. Where are you tempted to follow your heart rather than follow the wonderful wisdom of Christ? What does the Wonderful Counsellor have to say to you regarding this circumstance?

(\*See PRAYER POINTS on page 2.)

**PRAYER POINTS** (based on this message):

**THE PRAISEWORTHY QUALITIES OF GOD THE FATHER AND GOD THE SON:**

- Jesus is our Wonderful Counsellor (Isaiah 9:6)
- Jesus knows human nature perfectly (John 2:24)
- Jesus knows everything in our hearts – and still loves us! (John 2:24-25)
- God is the Source of all wisdom and invites us to pursue it (Proverbs 4:7)
- Jesus alone has the truth (and is the Truth) that will set us free (John 8:31-32)
- The Holy Spirit guides us into all truth (John 16:13-14)

**REVERENCE:**

- Lord, we worship you because . . .
- Lord, thank you for your wonderful counsel in my life when . . .
- Lord Jesus, thank you for loving me even when . . .

**RESPONSE:**

- Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner . . .
- Lord Jesus, I confess you know everything in my heart when it comes to . . .
- Lord, I acknowledge I haven't always asked for your counsel for . . .

**REQUEST:**

- Lord, help me not to 'follow my heart' but to seek your counsel in . . .
- Lord Jesus, please give me wisdom and insight for . . .
- Lord, please help \_\_\_\_\_ (name of loved one) see that you are the truth, and you can set them free

**READINESS:**

- Lord, when we're tempted to go in the way of the world, we will trust you to guide us into all truth for . . .
- Lord, amid the darkness, give us the light of your wisdom and insight for . . .
- Lord Jesus, come!