

12152024 Everlasting Father..AS we celebrate all this month the birth of Jesus! The son...given to us...the son who is God becoming one of us...sent to heal us from the death causing wound of sin...and give us back life eternal so that we may be with alive with God forever...

How complex is the person of our Lord Jesus Christ!

ESV Isa 9:6 ⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

How we like to make Jesus simple...But he is far more than we can imagine or comprehend... it is an amazing marvel that in one breath the prophet who calls him an infant should at the same time be a wonderful counselor, he who was the Man of Sorrows and familiar with grief should also be Mighty God over all, and that he who is in the Divine Trinity always called the Son, yet he is the everlasting Father or creator of of all there is ... He who came to conquer supernatural forces is the prince of peace to a rebellious humanity...

Isaiah prophesies in one sentence the names of the characteristics of the Messiah to come...these names are important...

In the ancient Jewish culture, names had meanings.

We can better understand this by noting American Indian names such as "Running Wolf" or "Fighting Bear." The same with Jewish names. They had meanings. Isaac, for example, means "laughter." Noah means "rest" or "peace." So, when Isaiah is speaking of the name of the coming Messiah and says *and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

Of all the names attributed to Jesus in [Isaiah 9:6](#), Everlasting Father intrigues me the most because it's the one we generally understand the least.

How can Jesus the Messiah, the second person of the Godhead, be called Everlasting Father?

First.. Isaiah is not confusing Jesus the Messiah with the first person of the Trinity Nor is he teaching us that God the Son, the second person of the Trinity, is the same person as God the Father. (The early church denounced this idea as the heresy of modalism.)

*****Isaiah does not have the Trinity in mind at all when he says the Messiah will be called Everlasting Father. It's not the Messiah's role within the Godhead, but the Messiah's character, attitude or how his relationship to us that Isaiah has in mind.**

Jesus the Messiah is the only one who can reveal God's fatherly character to us, for he is one in nature and essence with the Father.

Few words in any language evoke the kind of feelings we have when we hear the word *father*. Some of us will feel a sense of loss this Christmas season, either because we had fathers who were wonderful but are no longer with us, or because we have unfulfilled longings for the kind of father we've never had.

Sadly, the word *father* doesn't always bring to mind someone who shepherds, affirms, and stays close. Instead, it connotes adjectives like distant, aloof, passive, absent, unreliable, selfish, uncaring, and cruel. Even among Christian families, far too many children experience emotional indifference and self-centered

neglect from their dads.

Not so from Jesus. Jesus, your Everlasting Father, came down at Christmas into a broken and sinful world to fill our hearts with heaven's love, and to teach us how to love one another. He came to make sons and daughters out of his enemies. This is the Father's gift to us at Christmas.

." Everything you've ever dreamed a father could be—everything you've ever wanted from your relationship with your earthly father—Jesus is and will be for you. Your Messiah will forever be perfectly father-like in the way he shepherds and leads you. In Jesus, you have a perfect father forever.

"There is no unfathering Christ, and there is no unchilding us," Charles Spurgeon once said. "He is everlastingly a father to those who trust in him." Praise God for our eternal security in Christ, our Everlasting Father.

More than any other author, Isaiah loves to speak of eternity. He speaks of God as "the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is holy" ([Isa. 57:15](#)). And here in [Isaiah 9:6](#) he uses the same type of language to refer to the Messiah. Revelation tells us He's the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end—the one who is and who was and who is to come—the Almighty ([Rev. 1:8](#)).

- **The God of the Old Testament fulfilled many roles toward Israel, and one of them is as their Father. 15 times in the Old Testament he refers to himself as the Father of the Israelites... He claims fatherhood under three bases: 1) He redeemed them—bought them—from slavery in Egypt. 2) He**

created them. 3) He founded them as a nation. He has every right to the title!

notice *NLT Deut 32:6* *Is this the way you repay the Lord, you foolish and senseless people? Isn't he your Father who created you? Has he not made you and established you?*

- **Finally, Speaking of the still-future time when Israel will repent:**

NLT Jer 31:9 *Tears of joy will stream down their faces, and I will lead them home with great care. They will walk beside quiet streams and on smooth paths where they will not stumble. For I am Israel's father...*

- **This shows that He will be their Father when He returns to this earth to set up His world-ruling government, and this special relationship to Israel will last throughout all eternity. He is indeed "the Everlasting Father"!**
- **Isaiah is speaking of a child who will be born some 700 years in the future—yet he makes clear that this child is the author of eternity, the “father of time”!**

NLT John 1:1 *In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He existed in the beginning with God. ³ God created everything through him, and nothing was created except through him. ⁴ The Word gave life to everything that was created...*

¹⁴ *So the Word became human and made his home among us....*

This Son given to us is also the Father of Creation!!

And explains why Jesus said,

NLT John 14:9.... *Jesus replied, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and yet you still don’t know who I am? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father!*

NLT John 10:30 The Father and I are one.” 31 Once again the people picked up stones to kill him. 32 Jesus said, “At my Father’s direction I have done many good works. For which one are you going to stone me?” 33 They replied, “We’re stoning you not for any good work, but for blasphemy! You, a mere man, claim to be God.”

NLT John 10:38... know and understand that the Father is in me, and I am in the Father.”

NLT HEB 1:3³ The Son radiates God’s own glory and expresses the very character of God, and he sustains everything by the mighty power of his command.

- **Jesus precisely represented God the Father as His prophesied name reveals.**

Everything you’ve ever dreamed a father could be—everything you’ve ever wanted from your relationship with your earthly father —Jesus is and will be for you. Your Messiah will forever be perfectly father-like in the way he shepherds and leads you. In Jesus, you have a perfect father forever.

- *NLT Col 2:9 For in Christ lives all the **fullness of God** in a human body.*
- **Jesus, your Everlasting Father the one who created you , came down from Heaven at Christmas into a broken and sinful world to search for his lost creation ...his lost prodigal children and safely bring them home.**

NLT Luke 19:10 For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost.”

- **By becoming one of us... That this father of creation would come to us as a son.. a brother is mind blowing...**

Hebrews 2: 12 He says, “I will declare your name to my brothers and sisters; in the assembly I will sing your praises.”¹³ And again “I will put my trust in him.” And again he says, “Here am I, and the children God has given me.”¹⁴ Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity

Once we become a child of Christ’s, we are his and he is ours forever. Forever. There will be no goodbyes with him. Nothing in all creation will be able to separate us from his love. Not even death itself—indeed, it will only draw us nearer.

NLT Rom 8: 38 And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God’s love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God’s love.³⁹ No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Jesus is summed in the words I am...

- **In John 8 in reply to Pharisees once more asking Jesus who are you ... Go back to Abraham...and rejoice like he did when I spoke to him... I am before Abraham**

*John 8:56 Your father Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing my day; he saw it and was glad.”⁵⁷ “You are not yet fifty years old,” they said to him, “and you have seen Abraham!”⁵⁸ “Very truly I tell you,” Jesus answered, “before Abraham was born, **I am!**”*

Here Jesus says he is the I am...He is the same I am which spoke to Moses...

Exodus 3: 13 Moses said to God, “Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ Then what shall I tell them?” ¹⁴ God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” ¹⁵ God also said to Moses, “Say to the Israelites, ‘The LORD, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.’ “This is my name forever, the name you shall call me from generation to generation.”

- **I am the Lord God who appeared to Moses...I am the lord God who was before Abraham...Jesus was the I am ...the always existing one...He was the father of the Fathers of the Israelite nation...**

Tim put his up ***Jesus is the Great I am***

- 1) **I am** the ultimate word of self-existence ... absolutely needs no help to exist, one whose being is not contingent on anyone or anything else
- 2) **I am** absolutely self-sufficient ... needs no help to accomplish his will nor can his plans be thwarted.
- 3) **I am** always present ...He is the eternally constant God, The alpha and Omega..the beginning and end (Rev 1:8)
- 4) **Therefore Jesus is the I am of every generation!!**

Just as He formed and breathed life into humanity in Genesis was with Adam and Eve in the garden AND came to Moses when the Israelites were in bondage ..

He CAME in the flesh that Christmas for a world in bondage ..and today he still comes to find us..

- **When we are in distress, and in the face of that distress he is loving and compassionate, kind and understanding...he loves like a Father...and that love is everlasting**
- **He is the Great I am.. because whatever you need I am your source! I am THE CREATOR the eternal provider of the Human race...**
- **Are you afraid? Jesus says I am your protector...**
- **Jesus said that if our lives were empty, I am your abundant life....Are you depressed? I am the lifter of your head**
- **Are you in bondage? I am your deliverer...are you in need? I am your supply...are you in sin? I am your forgiver....are you lost? I am your savior**
- **Are you in trouble? I am your helper...are you sick? I am you healer ...are you weak? I am your strength....are you confused? I am your wisdom**
- **are you exhausted? I am your rest...are you defeated?...I am your victory...are you lonely?...I am your friend**
- **whatever it is you need ...I am here**