

SERMON: WHAT CHILD IS THIS? – Christ the Lord (Luke 2:1-14)

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When a child is born, there are questions we typically ask: “Is he healthy?” “How much does she weigh?” “What did you name her?” But one of our hymns asks an atypical question about a child born in Bethlehem two thousand years ago: *What Child Is This?* There is a wonderful answer to the question, and it is proclaimed by an angel: “Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.” *What Child Is This?* It is the Lord Himself. The eternal Lord took on flesh and was laid in a manger. One day, this Child would bear the world’s sin in His flesh and be laid in a tomb. But then He would rise from death so that we might become God’s children through Baptism and our faith nourished in the Lord’s Supper.

The Christ Child is the _____.

Titus 2:11, Luke 2:11

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people. – Titus 2:11, ESV

The arrival of the Christ Child is _____ causing great joy!

But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.” – Luke 2:10

The _____ of The Child’s earthly life was foreshadowed.

Luke 2:1-14

The _____ The Child would fill were foretold.

Isaiah 9:1-7

“For 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

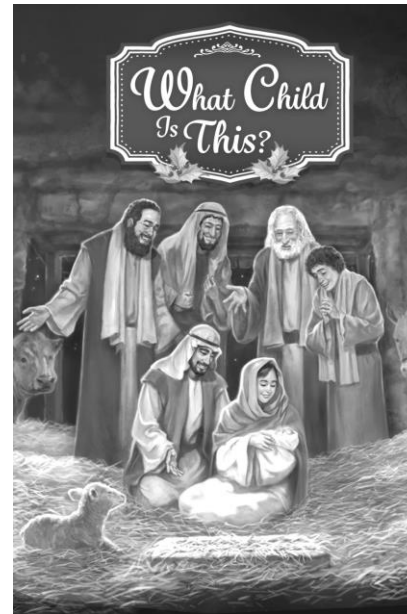
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” – Isaiah 9:6

What Child is This? He is _____!

*You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the **good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.** – Acts 10:36*

Questions for individual or group reflection:



What questions do you usually ask of new parents?

How important is the name of a child?

How was Christ’s birth different than that of a typical child?

Why was Christ’s birth “good news?”

How was God’s grace shown in Christ’s birth?

What did Christ bring to the earth when He was born? (Titus 2:11)

Recount as many similarities as you can between Christ’s birth and His death. (See Luke 2:1-14) Hint: Joseph, Mary, swaddling cloths

Read Isaiah 9:6. How has Jesus fulfilled those roles?

Who do you know that needs to hear the message of the prophets, the angels and the Apostles, that Christ is the Lord?

Taking it home / Memory Verse:

Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. – Luke 2:11



*What Child
Is This?*

A faint, blue-tinted illustration of a nativity scene serves as the background. It depicts the Virgin Mary seated on the right, holding the infant Jesus. The infant is wrapped in swaddling clothes and lies in a manger. To the left, Joseph is shown kneeling in prayer. The scene is set in a stable with wooden walls and a manger filled with straw.

The Christ Child is the LORD HIMSELF.

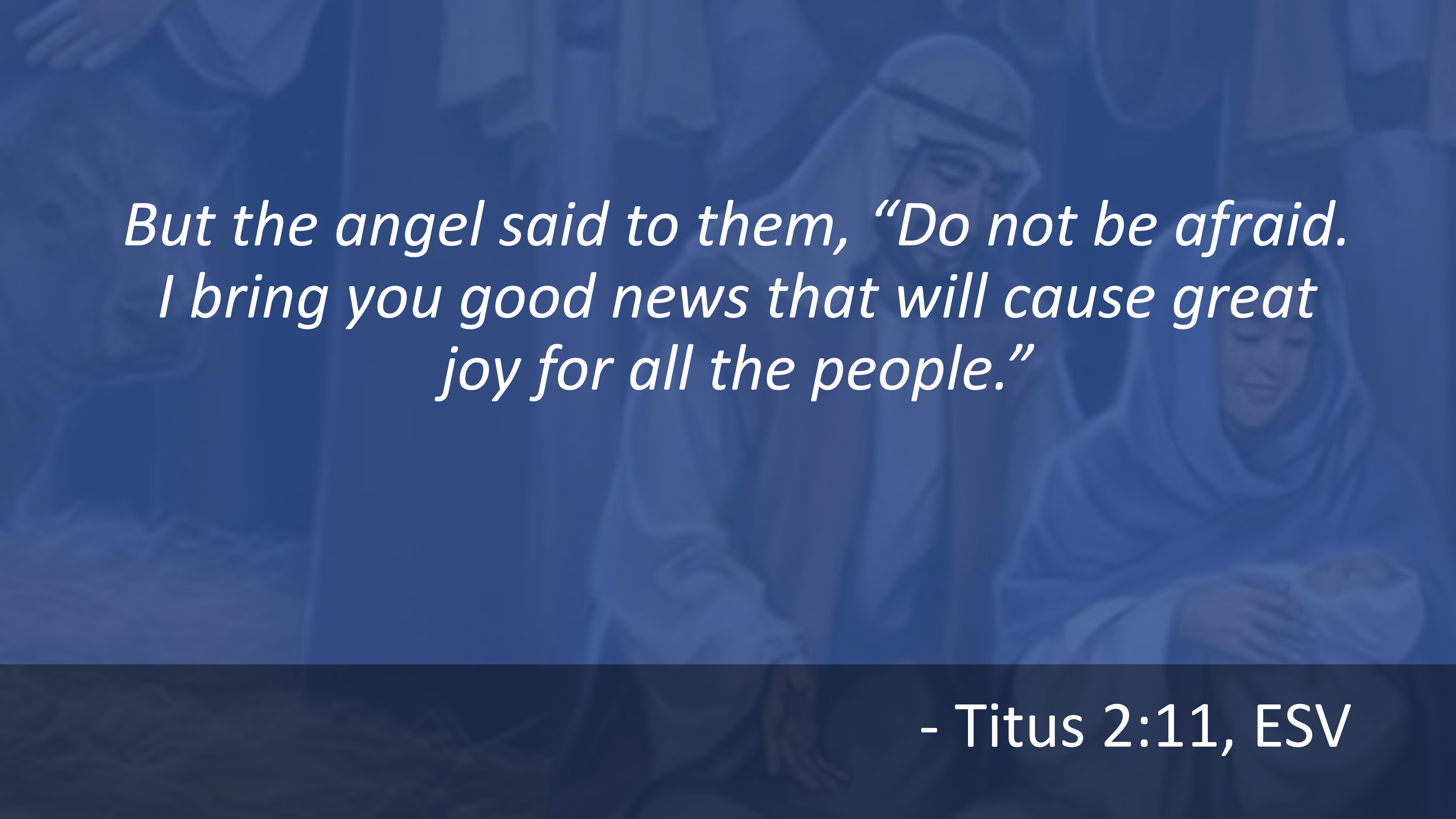


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The arrival of the Christ Child is **GOOD**
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A background image showing a group of people in prayer, with their hands raised and heads bowed. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter. The text is centered over the image.

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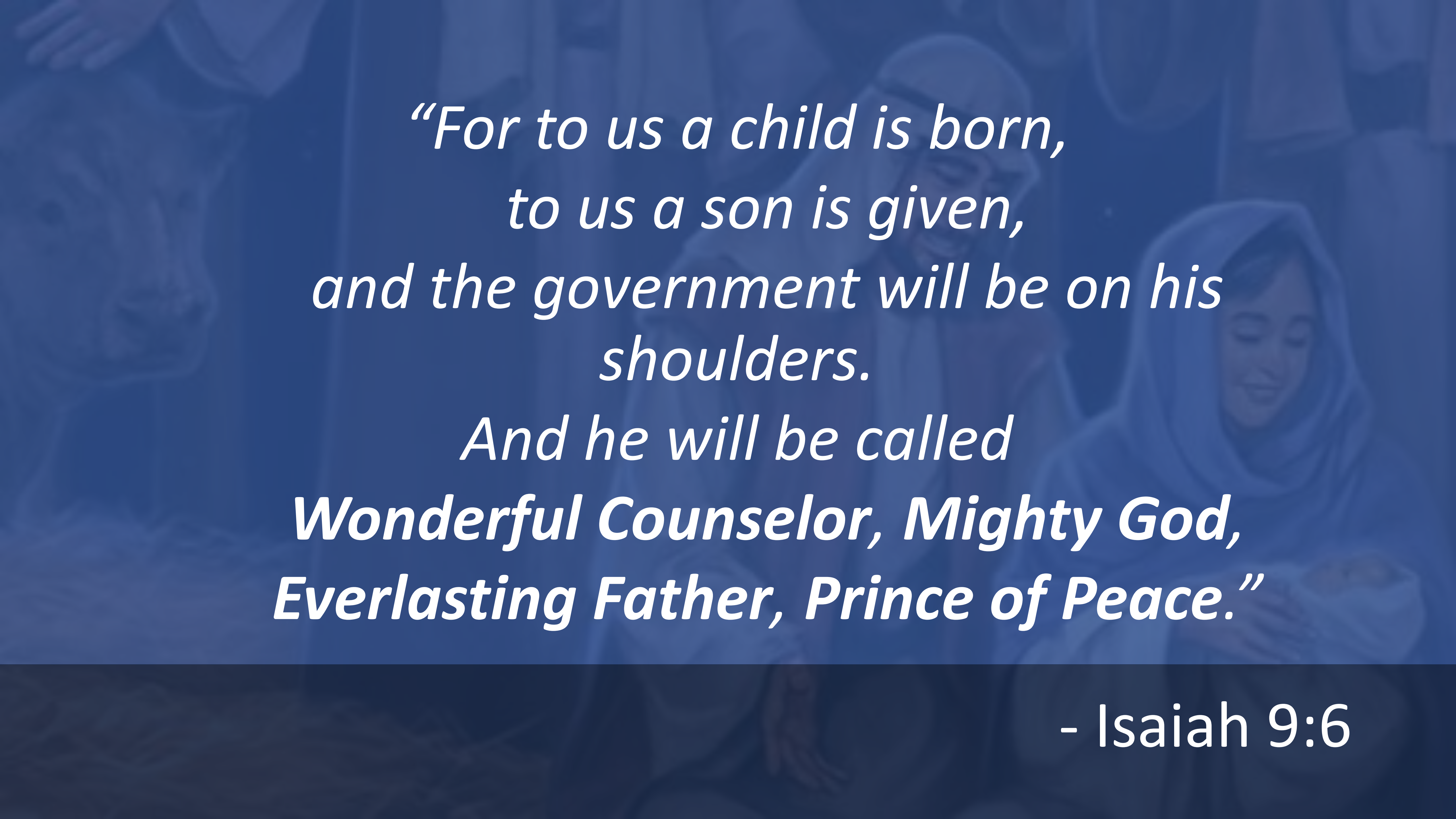
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The **END** of The Child's early life was foreshadowed.



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He is CHRIST, THE LORD!



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