



#2 THE GIFT OF HOPE

Isaiah 9:6-7

Isaiah 9:6-7 (NIV) 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. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

1. _____ needs a Counselor.

We all need a Counselor because we are:

- ▶ Bent. **Isaiah 53:6**
- ▶ Foolish. **Proverbs 28:26**
- ▶ Internally broken. **Isaiah 61:1-2**
- ▶ Burdened. **Ephesians 4:23**
- ▶ Blinded. **Revelation 3:17**

2. This "Wonderful Counselor" has extraordinary _____ and _____.

Jesus is:

- ▶ Compassionate.
- ▶ Available and attentive.
- ▶ Trustworthy.
- ▶ Competent.
- ▶ Committed.

- **Matthew 9:9-13**
- **Hebrews 4:14-16**

- **John 5:1-9**
- **Matthew 12:20**

3. To benefit from Jesus' counsel, we must _____ with _____.

To benefit from Jesus' counsel:

- ▶ _____ Him.

Revelation 3:20 (TLB) Look! I have been standing at the door and I am constantly knocking. If anyone hears Me calling him and opens the door, I will come in and fellowship with him and he with Me.

- ▶ _____ to Him.

John 6:37 (NLT) ...Those the Father has given Me will come to Me, and I will never reject them.

- ▶ _____ to Him.

Psalm 119:105 (NIV) Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

Luke 9:35 (NIV) A voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is My Son, whom I have chosen; listen to Him."

- ▶ _____ Him.

2 Kings 5:14 (NIV) So he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy.

James 1:22 (NLT) But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves.