

The greatest gift of all

'For a Child will be born to us, a Son will be given to us; and the government will rest on His shoulders; and His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace' (Isaiah 9:6). This was prophesied by Isaiah about 700 years before Jesus Christ was born. God sent His son into the world as His Gift to us, He [Jesus] did not come to condemn the world, but through Him he would save it (John 3:17). Isaiah 53:3-12, prophesied Jesus would be despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. He has borne our grief, carried our sorrows, He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities, and by His stripes we are healed. Jesus poured out His soul unto death; He bore the sins of many, and made intercession for the transgressors. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way, and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

There is no Greater Gift than the King of the universe, laying down His life for you and me. Isaiah 61:1-11, tells us what Jesus' mission was on earth: to preach good tidings to the poor, heal the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God. He came to comfort all who mourn, to give beauty for ashes, joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness, instead of our shame. He has given double honor to all those who believe that Jesus is God's son, and that He paid the Greatest Gift ever, Salvation for you and me. I praise God that I have received this Gift, have you?

As I minister to people, the greatest need we have as human beings, created in God's own image, is love and acceptance. All we have to do is receive the Gift of Jesus and accept His love, John 3:16-17, a gift that keeps on giving for ever and ever.

Blessings to you and yours this Christmas, from all of us at Abiding Place Fellowship

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