

THE APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH

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GOD'S WORD IS SURE

SCRIPTURAL LESSON: Isaiah 9:1-7

GOSPEL TRUTH:

God is faithful, His words are trustworthy and He has convincingly won over our confidence. Therefore, when choices have to be made, pray as a God-fearing man who desires the likeness of God's own heart, and whose unselfish desire is to fulfill the Will of God. Let others see Jesus in us (*Psalm 19:160; Acts 13:22*).

GOLDEN SCRIPTURE:

And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful (Revelation 21:5).

THE APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH DOCTRINES:

- 1. Wonderful. The Great I AM. Jesus said, "... Before Abraham was, I am" (John 8:58). "And we believe and are sure that thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God" (John 6:69).
- 2. Counselor. Nobody leads like Jesus. In this Dispensation of Grace, the Comforter (Jesus) assures us of comfort, peace and joy in this untoward God generation (*John 14:6*).
- 3. The mighty God. His name is Jesus. Isaiah prophesied of the birth of Christ 740 years prior to the actual birth (Matthew 1:21-26; Philippians 2:9-11).
- 4. The everlasting Father. He is the self-existing God. The trueborn again believer has a promise from God the Father that is obtained through the Testator Jesus Christ (*Hebrews 7:22*, 9:16-17).

5. The Prince of Peace. There is no end to the increase of His peace. The *Word of God* assures that in His sole Sovereignty and in His name, Jesus, salvation is complete and free (*Isaiah 32:17, 55:1*).

BACKGROUND SETTING:

Likened to the Southern Kingdom of Judah, the Jews would eventually emerge from the darkest of times. Peace without war. Joy that is unspeakable; joy that stems from being set free. Jesus was the first to introduce globalization. God desired that "no one perish" but that all men should come to repentance (II Peter 3:9). Jesus was prophesied of and thus preached the gospel of the Kingdom of God to mankind. Jesus was the first "Old Time Religion" preacher whose words were of the gospel of peace and glad tidings of good things (Romans 10:12; Ephesians 2:17). Whether in the flesh of His person or in the Spirit of His person, Jesus brought peace, joy and comfort. At the moment of disobedience, God revealed His plan to restore. God delivered Abraham and the generations that would follow from the yoke of many oppressors. Therefore, The Deliverer prophesied by Isaiah, would be of the Jews and the Savior for all mankind.

LESSON SUMMARY:

Without the preaching of the Gospel of Truth, many will remain in darkness, and in the shadow of death. However, when the gospel goes forth, Light (Jesus) comes with it, shining out the darkness. The fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy in a self-righteous world brought credibility to His Word. Jesus was born for the benefit of mankind in its entirety. Jesus equates to the voice that spoke to Moses, "... I AM THAT I AM (Exodus 3:14)." Justifiably, Jesus is called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, and The Prince of Peace. Jesus is the expressed enthusiasm of God to save souls. Jesus is the Righteousness of God who dwelt in the flesh. He is our Lord and Savior, and His Word endures forever.

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