

**“HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED . . .
‘THE EVERLASTING FATHER’”
(Part Four – Series on Bible Names for the Divine Son)**

TEXT: Isaiah 9:6,7

INTRODUCTION: Of all the names we have considered from our prophetic text thus far, *“The everlasting Father”* is the most difficult to comprehend. This is a great paradox. Our finite imagination cannot grasp it. In almost the same breath, Christ is called both “Child” and “Counsellor,” “Son” and “everlasting Father.” So deep is the mystery of His Person that Christ must reveal Himself to us, or we would never know Him. We cannot see Jesus except in His own light (Ps. 36:9).

We must not confuse Messiah with Him Who is pre-eminently called “the Father.” He is one with the Father. *“I and my Father are one”* (John 10:30). *“He that hath seen me hath seen the Father”* (John 14:9). Yet there is an important distinction of Persons in the Godhead to be believed and observed. In this verse the prophet is not setting forth the relation of Deity to itself, but the relation of Jesus to **us**. *“For unto us”* this Child was born. To us He is a Wonderful Counsellor, mighty God, everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace.

OUTLINE: Let us meditate on both Christ’s **Fatherhood** and His **eternality**.

I. The FATHERHOOD of Christ

A. A Father to Israel (Jer. 31:9; Deut. 32:6; Mal. 1:6-8)

1. He redeemed them from slavery.
2. He created them.
3. He founded them as a nation.

B. A Father to His spiritual children

1. As their federal Head (1 Cor. 15:22)
2. As the Founder of Christianity (Jn. 1:17; 2 Cor. 11:10)
3. As their Life-giver (Jn. 5:21; 1:4)
4. As their Caregiver (Jn. 14:18 *“I will not leave you orphans...”*)
 - a. Providing
 - b. Protecting
 - c. Praising

II. The ETERNALITY of Christ

A. He always was (Col. 1:17; Mic. 5:2).

B. He always will be (Heb. 13:8; 7:24,25).

C. (Inferences)

1. The believer is eternally secure.
2. The Church will endure.
3. We may trust Him and rest in Him.

CONCLUSION: Jesus, the “everlasting Father,” ever lives to care for **us!** He is always with us. He is always the same. His attributes are eternal. In Psalm 90, Moses celebrated the eternity of God and drew two practical lessons:

- 1) Since God is eternal, He can forever be the one safe haven for His children of time.
- 2) Since God’s lifetime is so long and our years are so few, how can we make sure that we don’t waste our time here and be forgotten and meaningless? *“So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom”* (Ps. 90:12).

At this Christmas season, we celebrate the fact that out of eternity our Lord stepped into time to rescue His lost creation. He came to *“seek and to save that which was lost”* – His human brethren – whose moral folly and fall had made them not only the “playthings of fate,” but also the slaves of sin and death.