

50 Bible Verses Everybody Should Know By Heart

The Advent Names and Offices of Jesus

What's in a name? In the Bible, quite a bit. Hundreds of years before a manger became Jesus's first bed in this world, the Holy Spirit revealed through the Prophet Isaiah some names, offices, and appellations of Jesus that underscore the greatness of His glory and the wonders of His love. In fact, every name Jesus bares is a gift He shares with His people. Let's take into our hearts the verses before us so that we may be strengthened and moved to praise and to bask in the beauty of the Lord.

Here's the Verse: ISAIAH 9:6 -- *For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

A word about "born" and "given" . . . Jesus is A DIVINE gift wrapped in HUMANITY!

A word about the "shoulders" of Jesus . . . They bore the weight of the world AND the weight of our sins

1. Jesus is the **WONDERFUL COUNSELOR** Who solves my **CONFUSION**.

"Wonderful" is never used in the Bible to describe what a human does; the adjective only applies to God! Eve listened to Satan's "counsel," brought Adam into a "group counseling" session, and plunged humanity into confusion! Only Jesus speaking through Scripture can clear up our confusion about our identity, purpose, and agenda on this earth.

2. Jesus is the **MIGHTY GOD** Who **FIGHTS** for me.

The term is "El Gibbor," or "Warrior God," and Jesus has (in the past) fought and won the Battle over sin and satan; and He will (in the future) vanquish all His and our enemies. God's Word, Spirit, and People equip us for battle against the forces of evil around us AND within us!

3. Jesus is the **EVERLASTING GOD** Who is **COMPASSIONATE** to me.

The emotion Jesus showed most often in His earthly ministry was compassionate. He is the great High Priest who is compassionate and gracious; and as a Father tenderly yet firmly deals with His children, so Jesus deals with us. (To the woman at the well, "Neither do I condemn you . . . go and sin no more . . .")

4. Jesus is the **PRINCE OF PEACE** Who secures for me what I cannot secure for myself.

At the beginning of creation, everything existed in perfect "Shalom," which is a harmony that resulted from the webbing together of God, humans, and all creation in justice, fulfillment, and delight. Mankind shattered shalom and does not have the resources to restore it. Only Christ can secure for us peace with God, peace with others, inner peace, and peace with our environment. CHRIST is our peace. All else is only a manifestation of shattered Shalom.

About the glorious, gracious rule of Jesus . . . OUR zeal doesn't get this done. It's the zeal of the LORD that accomplishes the Lord's vision for us and the whole cosmos!