

THE HOPE OF THE WORLD

Isaiah 9:2; Isaiah 9:6, 7

Luke 2:8-20

THE WORLD'S TRUE HOPE, LAST AND ONLY HOPE IS NOT TO BE FOUND:

1. In earthly power.
2. The world's true hope lies not in the triumph of abstract ideas.
3. It lies not in the progress of civilization as such.
4. It lies not in the development of intercontinental missiles
5. It lies not in the ability of one nation to be first among nations with a man on the moon.
6. The world's only hope is not to be found in material wealth.

IT WAS GIVEN TO ISAAH TO SEE THE DAWN OF A NEW AGE IN SUCH VIVIDNESS AND CERTAINTY THAT HE COULD DESCRIBE FUTURE EVENTS AS THEY HAD ALREADY HAPPENED:

1. "The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined. Isaiah 9:2

PRINCE OF PEACE.

1. What great comfort is wrapped up in this name: Prince of Peace.
 1. Most, if not all, empires have been built by the sword and shedding of blood. *We have reached the point*
 2. Not so with Christ's church: It stands on peace and good will to all men. *where we must make an agonizing*

TODAY'S MIXED UP WORLD: We are trying to:

1. Fire a shot here and there and bluff its way to peace.
2. The world is trying to spend its way to prosperity.
3. Divorce its way into love. *decision to survive or*
4. Drink its way into sobriety. *perish-*
5. And hate its way into the kingdom of God.

THE WORLD'S ATTITUDE TOWARD GOD AND CHRIST:

1. God has become a sort of a divine Santa Claus
2. And Jesus has become a cosmic bellhop to run our errands

WHEN THE WORLD WALKS WITH GOD THROUGH CHRIST:

1. There will be not trouble with segregation or desegregation
2. No problems of nationalism...no tears of the oppressed.
3. No cry of the poor to God...their needs will be met.
4. Such peace that even the beasts of prey will be friends to little children. Isaiah 11:6-9
5. They shall not learn war any more: Isaiah 2:4
 1. They shall beat their swords in to plow shares.
 2. Spears into pruning hooks.
 3. Nation shall not lift up sword against nation anymore.

