

Christmas Series - Portraits of Christ in the Old Testament

#3 Everlasting Father (Omnipresent)

Isaiah 9:6

Wonderful Counselor - Omniscient –wisdom – seek Him

He knows us, our needs and can miraculously change us

Mighty God – Omnipotent – power - worship Him

He is able forgive our sins and give us new life

Everlasting Father – Omnipresent – love – follow Him

Not to be confused with God the Father but to emphasis that the Lord is ever-present and ever loving. It is a relationship!

I. A Permanent Relationship

A. Everlasting = Perpetuity

No general word for time in Hebrew

No special terms for past, present, future

This word (48 times in OT) – almost exclusively referring to God

Means “no time limit”

Isaiah 9:7 government and peace – never end

For all eternity

B. Characteristics

Love – **Jeremiah 31:31** – an everlasting love

Covenant – **Ezekiel 37:26-27** – an everlasting covenant

Salvation – **John 6:47** – whoever believes – everlasting life

C. Christ

John 8:58 Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am." Colossians 1:17 Hebrews 13:8

II. A Parental Relationship

A. Father – Not God head but source, decider, protector

Used for fathers, grandfathers, prophets, priests,

David – father of nation, Abraham – father of faithful

Isaiah 53:10 – Christ will have many descendants

B. Jesus as Father

He... Gives life – **John 1:3** – all made through Him

John 5:24 – we have crossed from death to life

Teaches – **Matthew 11:29 and learn from me,**

Provides – **Philippians 4:19 And my God will meet all your**

needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

Disciplines – **Hebrews 12**

Protection – **John 17:11-12, 2 Thessalonians 3:3**

Loves – enough to lay His life down for us

C. Jesus' love for His children

Mark 10:13-16

III. An Ever-present Relationship

A. Christ want a presence in our lives

John 1:10-13, Matthew 28:18-20, John 14:23

B. Christ has made the way open for such a relationship

He died that we could live

He is faithful to forgive sins

He welcomes us into His family / we are heirs

Our Response

Do you need a Father? - The Everlasting Father is available

How to receive – By Faith

How to live with Him – Follow as a child

Ephesians 5:1-2 Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children² and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

• Coming Events

○ **Christmas Carol Sing – next Sunday 4:15 pm**

○ **Christmas Eve Service – 4:45 – 5:30 pm**

▪ **Come rejoice with music and candlelight.**

○ **“God makes everything new” December 27 4:15 pm**

○ **Cornerstone University students visit January 9-11**

We still need housing for a few students.

Missions Trip – May 14-24 – Skopje, Macedonia

A week of sharing your faith in action with children and university students. If you are interested in details speak with Pastor Ken. Deadline for sign up will be the end of January.

Challenge – Read the Bible through in 2016

A group is planning to read through the Bible in 2016. We will use a Chronological New Living Translation version. This group will then meet weekly to share and encourage each other. Pray about accepting this challenge and speak with Pastor Ken to secure a copy of the Bible.