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The Promised Messiah!

**Isaiah 9:1-7**

**Key Truth:** The promise of heaven is made human in the person of Jesus, the promised Messiah.

**What Does Messiah Mean:**

1. Messiah in Hebrew means "Anointed”.

2. Christ in the Greek means "The Messiah".

3. Jesus in Hebrew is "Yeshua" it means "God Saves".

4. Jesus Christ therefore means "The Anointed Savior".

**There is Salvation Only in Jesus Christ:**

1. We all need salvation.

2. Jesus Christ came to give us Salvation.

3. Christ paid for our Salvation.

4. Joy will come to those who are in Christ.

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Put your eyes on Jesus, the author and finisher of the faith, who for the joy set before him suffered the cross, despising the reproach, and sat at the right hand of the throne of God.

**Food For Thought**

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

Read Isaiah 9:4-5.

What two verbs are used in these verses to describe the results of the birth of the promised Messiah?

How did Jesus shatter the yoke of our oppression? In what ways were all of us once oppressed?

How does verse 5 inform you about who you are in Christ? How did Christ lift oppression from us for eternity, and how does He do that for us on a daily basis?

Do you think Isaiah’s language here reflects the attitude of most believers today about what Jesus has done for them? Why or why not?

What problems arise when we don’t understand the severity of our yoke (v. 4)? the certainty of our victory (v. 5)?

Would you say you have experienced Jesus in this way, shattering the yoke and rod of your oppressor? Explain.