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Unto us a Son is given...

(Isaiah 9:6)







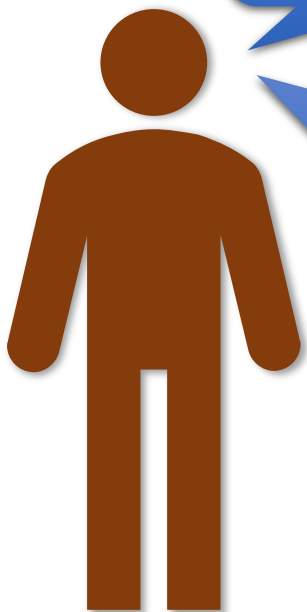




**Where is the
image of God?**



Nothing is more obvious
from human history
than the fact that
mankind is sinful



Sure, but
that's not me.

I am all for
the **good**, the **true**
and the **beautiful**

But when we examine our own heart and life...

- **We know** what is good – **but** we can't readily do it.
- **We know** that the truth is real – **but** it's easier to live a lie.
- **We know** that beauty is pure – **but** we can't find it in us.

What is our condition?

- We are judged and condemned by our own conscience.
- We want to live better but we repeatedly fail.
- Human religion and philosophy are the blind leading the blind.

We know but
we don't do.

We have the questions
but not the answers

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יְהוֹשֻׁעַ = Yeshua
Ἰησοῦς = Iēsous
meaning Saviour

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for He shall save His people
from their sins.

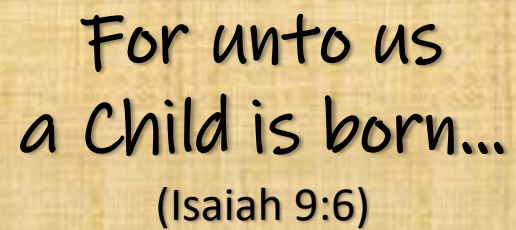
(Matthew 1:21)



A woman wearing a headscarf and a long coat stands in a field, looking towards a group of sheep. The scene is dimly lit, suggesting dusk or dawn. The sheep are gathered in the middle ground, and the woman is in the foreground on the right side.

*...I bring you **good news of great joy**
that will be for all the people.*

*For unto you is born this day
in the city of David a **Saviour**,
who is Christ the Lord.*

A graphic of a scroll with a yellow background and a black border. The text is written in a simple, hand-drawn font. The scroll is unrolled on the left and right sides.

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(See Luke 2:8-20)

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...peace by the blood
of His cross
(Colossians 1:20)



The burden of **sin**



The joy of knowing
our sins are **forgiven**

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*“Peace I leave with you,
My peace I give to you.”*

(John 14:27)

*“I will not leave you as orphans;
I will come to you.”*

*“In that day you will know
that I am in my Father,
and **you in me, and I in you.**”*

(John 14:18,20)

The **fruit of the Spirit** is
love, joy, peace,
patience, kindness,
goodness, faithfulness,
gentleness, self-control.
(Galatians 5:22-23)



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The way of faith...

- It makes grace sure (Romans 4:16)
- It is open to all (John 3:16)
- **It tries the heart** (John 5:44)



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God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be **saved through Him**.

(John 3:17)



The forgiveness of sin



A good and fruitful life

“I am the bread of life.

He who comes to me shall never hunger,
and he who believes in me shall never thirst.”

(John 6:35)

“This is the will of my Father,
that everyone who looks on the Son
and believes in him should have eternal life,
and **I will raise him up** on the last day.”

(John 6:40)



A certain future

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