



His name shall be called...

Everlasting Father

Week of December 13, 2020 / Isaiah 9:1-7

Memorize.

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?”

John 14:8-9

Open.

What does the word “father” mean to you personally? If you could change one thing about your relationship with your own father, what would it be? Why?

Study.

If you happened to hear Pastor Jim’s message on Sunday, what stood out to you? What questions do you have?

Read Isaiah 9:6-7. The Bible reveals to us a God who exists eternally in three persons: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. Do you think that by giving to the coming Messiah the title, “Everlasting Father,” the prophet intended that we should confuse God the Father with God the Son? Why or why not?

Read John 1:18. Why is Jesus, the Son of God, uniquely able to reveal to us the nature and character of God the Father?

What claims did Jesus make about Himself in John 10:22-33, and John 14:8-11? Why do they matter?

British pastor and theologian Charles Spurgeon wrote, “There is no unfathering Christ, and there is no unchilding us. He is everlastingly a father to those who trust in him.” What do you think he meant by “unfathering” and “unchilding”?

Read Galatians 4:4-5. For what purpose did God send His Son?

Read John 10:27-29. What benefits belong to those who are the children of God through faith in Jesus?

Read Psalm 103. From verses 1-5, list the “benefits” that the prophet says belong to the children of God.

What particular benefits are revealed in each of the following?

Psalm 103:10, 11-12; 53:5-6

Psalm 103:14; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

Psalm 103:8, 17; 49:15-16; Jeremiah 31:3

What questions do you have about what we have discussed?

Read Romans 8:14-16. Have you trusted in Christ and received his gift of adoption as a child of God? If not, would you like to do that right now?