

HE SHALL BE CALLED...Everlasting Father

Isaiah 9: 6 and Selected Scriptures

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Cognitive dissonance is the uncomfortable tension created by two conflicting thoughts.

“Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.” Ephesians 6: 4

Repentance is a willingness to change the way you think that produces a change in the way you live.

Isaiah is talking about the fatherly traits that Jesus will exhibit when He comes to reveal God the Father to us.

Traits of Our Everlasting Father:

I. Jesus Is the Founding Father of Our Faith!

“In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, and through whom He made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of His being, sustaining all things by His powerful Word. After He had provided purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.” Hebrews 1: 1-3

II. Jesus Is the Spiritual Father of a New Family.

1 Corinthians talks about the two fathers that influence every one of us.

- The first is Adam.

“For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.” 1 Corinthians 15: 21-22

“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.” John 3: 16

III. Jesus Is the Compassionate Father Who Gives Us Unconditional Love.

The idea of “blessing” is that you speak *value* into the life of your child.

Low Cost Ways to Invest in Blessing Your Children or Grandchildren:

1. Talk to your family about a *plan* for the Christmas holidays.
2. Carve out some time for sacred services and experiences that will build *spiritual* traditions in your family.
3. Make a commitment to keep your attitude *positive*!
4. Plan an expression of *generosity* that will involve your whole family.
5. Plan a “*daddy date*” with your daughter.
6. Plan some special “*guy time*” with your sons.
7. Take the family on a *drive* to look at the Christmas lights.
8. Snuggle up and watch a special Christmas *movie* together.

Jesus is your everlasting spiritual Father *only* if you’ve chosen to be part of His family in Christ.

Christmas is all about a reunion of people like us with our Everlasting Father. Choose Jesus as your everlasting Father!

Five for the Drive (Questions for Families to Discuss):

1. What do you think are the characteristics of a great Dad?
2. Who is someone that you think is an example of a good father? Why?
3. What kind of parent do you want to be someday?
4. What characteristics of our Heavenly Father are most important to you?
5. What really stuck with you from today’s message?

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU!

The Christmas Station

Saturday - Sunday, Dec. 19-20, 7 p.m., Worship Center

Invite your friends and family to see “The Christmas Station,” a musical presented by SCC’s Drama and Music Ministries. Purchase tickets at The Source bookstore for \$5 each or \$2.50 with a military ID. Because all performances are in the Worship Center, on Saturday, Dec. 19, the 6:15 p.m. worship service will be across the lake at The Link.

Parent/Child Dedication Class

Saturday, Jan. 2, 4:30 p.m., or Sunday, Jan. 3, 9:15 a.m., Room 249

Parents who wish to participate in the upcoming Parent/Child Dedication on Jan 16-17 must attend this class. For information, contact Rachel Wood at 912-629-4761 or rwood@savannahchristian.com.

Christmas Eve Services

Thursday, Dec. 24, at 4, 5:15, and 6:30 p.m., Worship Center

Bring your family and join us for a time of worship as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior. Childcare is available for children 4-years-old and younger.