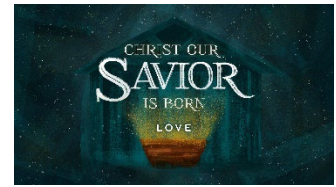


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LOVE

Isaiah 8:19-9:7

Pastor Chris Lenhart – Christmas Eve, 2023



Introduction

Further Study

Isaiah 1-9

Darkness & Death (19-22)

1 Sam. 28:6-8
Lev. 19:31; 20:6
Deut. 18:11
Jn. 6:60-71
Phil. 2:16
1 Jn. 1:1-4
Prv. 18:20-21
James 3:5-12

Light & Life (23-9:7)

Judg. 7-8
Is. 11:2; 22:21-22; 25:1; 28:29
Ps. 45:6
Ps. 46:9-10
Deut. 10:17
Jer. 32:18
Ps. 72; 144
Ps. 2:7; Jn. 3:16
Mic. 5:4
Lk. 1:32-33; 2

Tonight: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (6 pm)
Next Week: "On Time" Pastor Jim Davis

Follow along with today's sermon using your smartphone. Download the "CMBC" app (search for "Calvary Monument" in your app store) and click on "Sundays" at the bottom of the screen.

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<h1>LOVE</h1> <p>Next Steps: Home-Group Study and/or Personal Discipleship Guide</p>	
<p>Get together as a family or with a friend or group of friends this week!</p> <p>Start with Prayer -ask Jesus to guide our time together. Go over prayer requests together.</p> <p><u>Read the Text</u> – Isaiah 8:19-9:7</p> <p><u>Questions for Reflection & Discussion:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Where are the voices of despair and death currently present in our own lives? Take inventory of the voices that are causing anxiety, fear, worry, doubt, and despair. Name them. Then, journal or share about a plan to displace or dispel those voices with voice of Scripture this upcoming year. 2. Take a look at Isaiah 8:21-22. How does Isaiah describe that seeking outside voices, instead of waiting and listening for God’s voice, will ultimately leave us feeling? 3. As God words, come through the prophet starting in 8:23, what happens to despair, darkness, and gloom? How is this hopeful for us today? 4. In Isaiah 9:6, how do the names of the Son who is born, the Child who is given, point to both the human and divine nature of Jesus? 5. Take time to journal or discuss the characteristics that will be part of the Kingdom that Jesus will establish and reign over. How are followers of Jesus invited to explore, participate in, and benefit from the nature of Jesus’ kingdom? <p><u>Questions guiding Spiritual Formation & Application:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How does this text invite us to grow in a greater love for God? 2. What lessons within this text move us towards growing in our love for one another? 3. What principles could be applied to our family life, careers, communities, or congregational life? 4. Consider how Jesus could use our application of the principles in this text to draw those that do not know him, unto himself? 5. Who is currently in our lives that needs an invitation to meet Jesus or be part of a kind and gracious Christian community? 	<p><u>Supporting Scripture</u> Isaiah 1-9 1 Sam. 28:6-8 Lev. 19:31; 20:6 Deut. 18:11 Jn. 6:60-71 Phil. 2:16 1 Jn. 1:1-4 Prv. 18:20-21 James 3:5-12 Judg. 7-8 Is. 11:2; 22:21-22; 25:1; 28:29 Ps. 45:6 Ps. 46:9-10 Deut. 10:17 Jer. 32:18 Ps. 72; 144 Ps. 2:7; Jn. 3:16 Mic. 5:4 Lk. 1:32-33</p> <p><u>Prayer Requests</u> Family</p> <p>Church</p> <p>Community</p> <p>Career/Friends</p> <p>Other</p>