

The New Testament Church - Christmas Sunday  
*The Righteous Will Shine #10 – The Incarnation of Meekness*  
December 22, 2024 - Pastor Paul Jehle  
Isaiah 9:6-7

I The Righteous will Shine

- A. God strategically places our character as a seed of the Kingdom where to influence others
- B. How will the character of Christ be carved into our lives and shine to others?
  - 1. Joy, peace, self-control, longsuffering – “a disposition to bear injuries patiently”
  - 2. Faithfulness, kindness, goodness – “uprightness in heart and life” - virtue

II Meekness – To be “God-tamed” – under the control of God in every area of life

- A. The Fruit of the Spirit – Christ’s character was a picture of meekness
  - 1. The Greek word for meekness – praus means “*marked by humility and a gentle spirit*”
    - a. Meekness - *submissive attitude* toward authority – even if disobedient due to virtue
    - b. In the Greek and Roman world, meekness was weakness, but it is a virtue in Christ!
    - c. Does not highly dwell on praise, nor get depressed when injustice is done (see quote)
  - 2. The “works of the flesh” – culminate with - komos – “*carousel, wild parties*”
    - a. *Revelries* – from “komos” or “drinking parties” or a “party lifestyle”
    - b. The concept is expanded in Romans 13:12-14 – behavior at the time this was written
      - 1. “night is far spent” – “day is at hand” – cast off darkness / put on armor of light
      - 2. “not in rioting and drunkenness” – the combining of liquor and loose behavior
      - 3. not in “chambering (fornication) and wantonness (unrestrained behavior)”
    - c. It is a focus on pleasure over responsibility (see booklet on *abstinence*)
  - 3. Revelry is shunned and meekness encouraged as a virtue in the Bible
    - a. 1<sup>st</sup> Cor. 10:7 (Ex. 32:6) – *the people sat down to eat and drink, and stood up to play*
    - b. 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 4:3 – *time already past... carried out the desire of the Gentiles, pursued sensuality, lusts, drunkenness, carousing, drinking parties and abominable idolatries*
    - c. Mt. 5:5 (Ps. 37:11) – *blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth*
    - d. Titus 3:2 – *to avoid quarreling, to be gentle (meek)*
    - e. James 3:13 – *who is wise..? show his works with meekness and wisdom*
    - f. Col. 3:12 – *put on, as God’s chosen... compassionate hearts... meekness*
- B. Isaiah 9:6-7; as well as chapters 11 and 53
  - 1. The historic context of Isaiah 9:6-7 – facing Assyria’s domination
    - a. Do not trust in politics, armies or strength alone – *we must trust in God*
    - b. God has promised to deliver His people (through, from or in) – but *His way*
  - 2. Jesus was incarnated as a child – this is the embodiment of “meekness” – dependent
    - a. John 1:10-14 – the “word became flesh” – “*the act of clothing with flesh*”
    - b. “*unto us a son is given*” – The seed may be small yet destined to mature (meek)
    - c. “*the government shall be upon his shoulder*” – strength, yet not flasy or proud
  - 3. He had poor parents from a despised Nazareth, and would be born in Bethlehem
  - 4. No outward advantages in any area either physically or in his connections...
    - a. Wonderful Counselor and Mighty God – or *Messenger of Great Counsel* (Septuigint)
    - b. Eternal Father and Prince of Peace – or *Peace upon the princes and health to Him.*
  - 5. “*Of the increase of his government and peace... to order it, and establish it with judgment and justice... henceforth even for ever.* His Kingdom is ever expanding!

**Praus** – “God-tamed” – from [godrules.net/library/strongs2b/gre4239.htm](http://godrules.net/library/strongs2b/gre4239.htm)

*Meekness toward God is that disposition of spirit in which we accept His dealings with us as good, and therefore without disputing or resisting. In the OT, the meek are those wholly relying on God rather than their own strength to defend them against injustice. Thus, meekness toward evil people means knowing God is permitting the injuries they inflict, that He is using them to purify His elect, and that He will deliver His elect in His time.*

**Komos** – carousing, “party-animal” in NT times

[Strong's Greek: 2970. κῶμος \(kómos\) -- Revelry, carousing, orgy](#)

*A nocturnal and riotous procession of half drunken and frolicsome fellows who after supper parade through the streets of a city with torches and music in honor of Bacchus or some other (false) deity*

**The Background of Isaiah 9:6-7** – from [The History of Ancient Israel](#) on-line

*“The historic context of Isaiah 9:6-7 is set in the 8<sup>th</sup> century BC, during Assyria’s dominance. The prophet Isaiah pleads with King Hezekiah to trust Yahweh alone, as Israel and Syria are pressuring Judah to form a coalition against Assyria. The prophecy emerges from a time of political instability, war, and spiritual disarray in Israel.”*

**The Incarnation of Meekness in Christ** – from [confidenceinChrist.org](http://confidenceinChrist.org); [Humble Beginnings: How Do We Know Jesus Came From a Poor Family of Low Status?](#)

*Christ came from a poor family in a poor village with nothing special about either Him, His family, or His hometown. Nothing about Jesus would’ve made you step back and take notice – no special heritage or inheritance, no special education, no special family member or friend, no special connections growing up, no special job or career path, no special achievements, no political position or voice of power and influence. Nor are we told of any physical quality that would’ve made Him stand out – like Saul’s height, David’s “ruddy” looks, or Samson’s strength. There was absolutely nothing earthly special about Jesus Christ.*