

*The  
Everlasting  
Father*

*Isaiah 9:6*

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**For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.**

# **Introduction**

**A. Celebrating Christmas in the Old Testament**

**B. The dimensions of Deity (9:6)**

**1. The names describe the character of God**

**Isaiah 44:6**

**Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God.**

**2. The names describe the context of God**

**1 Timothy 1:17**

**Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

# **Introduction**

**C. What does the “Everlasting Father” imply?**

**1. Christ is eternal**

**Hebrews 7:3**

**Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually.**

**2. Christ is God**

**John 20:28**

**And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.**

# **I. The Everlasting One Entered Time**

## **A. Why Jesus entered time in Bethlehem**

### **1. Bethlehem was the prophesied birthplace**

**Micah 5:2**

**But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.**

### **2. The everlasting One must enter time at this place and time**

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## **B. Why Bethlehem was chosen**

### **1. A place of sorrows**

#### **a. The place of Rachel's death**

**Genesis 35:19-20**

**19 And Rachel died, and was buried in the way to Ephrath, which is Bethlehem.**

**20 And Jacob set a pillar upon her grave: that is the pillar of Rachel's grave unto this day.**

#### **b. Jesus is to be a Man of Sorrows**

**Isaiah 53:3**

**He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.**

# **I. The Everlasting One Entered Time**

## **B. Why Bethlehem was chosen - continued**

### **2. The place of David's birth and anointing**

**1 Samuel 16:1**

**And the LORD said unto Samuel, How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? fill thine horn with oil, and go, I will send thee to Jesse the Bethlehemite: for I have provided me a king among his sons.**

**Luke 2:4**

**And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)**

# **I. The Everlasting One Entered Time**

## **B. Why Bethlehem was chosen - continued**

### **3. Bethlehem means “house of bread”**

#### **a. Jesus is the bread of life**

**John 6:51**

**I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world**

#### **b. He satisfies hungry souls**

**John 6:35**

**And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.**



# I. The Everlasting One Entered Time

## C. The Savior's future and past

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## **II. The Everlasting One Made Himself Subject To Time**

**Philippians 2:5-7**

**5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:**

**6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:**

**7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:**

## **II. The Everlasting One Made Himself Subject To Time**

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**3. Took upon Himself the form of a servant (put on) (v 7)**

**4. Made in the likeness of men (to become like) (v 7)**

**5. Humbled (stooped) Himself and died on the cross for us (v 8)**

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**B. He became subject to time in all this**

**1. He was born at a particular time**

**Luke 2:1-2**

**1 And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed.**

**2 (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)**

## **II. The Everlasting One Made Himself Subject To Time**

**B. He became subject to time in all this - continued**

**2. He experienced growth over time**

**Luke 2:51**

**And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart.**

## **II. The Everlasting One Made Himself Subject To Time**

**B. He became subject to time in all this - continued**

**3. In birth and death, He was on time**

**Galatians 4:4-6**

**4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,**

**5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.**

**6 And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.**



## **II. The Everlasting One Made Himself Subject To Time**

**C. Now He's alive forevermore**

**Hebrews 7:25**

**Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.**

**Revelation 1:8**

**I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.**

# **III. The Subjects Of Time Are Offered Eternal Life**

## **A. We are the subjects of time**

### **1. At birth, we begin to die**

**Romans 5:12**

**Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.**

### **2. Time takes it toll on us all**

**Matthew 11:28**

**Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.**

# **III. The Subjects Of Time Are Offered Eternal Life**

**A. We are the subjects of time - continued**

**3. We leave life much as we came**

**1 Timothy 6:7**

**For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.**

**Mark 8:36**

**For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?**

# **III. The Subjects Of Time Are Offered Eternal Life**

**B. By faith in Christ we receive everlasting life**

**Galatians 3:22**

**But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.**

**What Will You Do With God's Offer Of  
Everlasting Life?**