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*“Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever.” Isa. 9:7*

## **I. The Third Dimension**

A. “wonderful” = high, “Mighty” = wide, and “Everlasting” = long

B. The answer to the “darkness” we face:

1. Ignorance – Jesus is called the “Wonderful Counselor” – one who gives wisdom
2. Fear/enemies – Jesus is called the “Mighty God” – one who fights our battles
3. Broken relationship – Jesus is called the “Everlasting Father” – one who renews relationships

## **II. The “Everlasting Father” Doctrine (Isa. 9:6,7)**

A. “Everlasting” = ‘*ad* = Perpetual (never ending) + Eternal (always is)

1. Never created – always existing – and will continue to all time.—Rev. 1:8
2. Only the one who “holds” eternity can give it to us.—I John 5:11
3. The “everlasting promise” to us – Matt. 28:20

B. “Father” = ‘*ab* (av) = Founder + Father figure

1. The founder of the new covenant – The “Christian” faith through the Davidic dynasty— Isa. 9:7
2. The intimate connection – to establish a relationship – personal connection
3. The role of Father in the community of Christ – protector, teacher, leader – The Good Shepherd
4. The revelation of God’s character and love— John 10:30,38, 14:9-10

## **III. The Personal Decision**

A. To join the “flock” of the Good Shepherd

B. To be “adopted” into the family of Christ

C. To be “baptized” into the ministry of Jesus

D. The “father figure” Jesus Christ invites you into a personal relationship with Him.