

The Answer Was a Baby

Isaiah 8:22- 9:7

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1. Why did Jesus need to come?
 - a. There was a _____ problem to solve. Romans 3:23, Ephesians 2:1
 - b. There was a _____ problem to solve. Isaiah 59:2
2. The unusual answer of a baby.
 - a. Addressing the legal problem
 - i. Redemption 2 Corinthians 5:21, 1 Timothy 2:5, John 1:12
 - ii. You can be _____ Christ came into your life. I John 5:13, John 1:12
 - iii. You can be _____ you are reborn as a new creation. 2 Corinthians 5:17, John 3:1-10
 - iv. You can be _____ your sins are forgiven—past, present and future. Isaiah 59:2, I John 1:9
 - v. The legal penalty was _____ through Jesus. Romans 5:12-19, (Also see Romans chapters 1-6, and Ephesians chapters 1-3)
 - b. Addressing the relational problem
 - i. You can be _____ a new relationship has been established between you and God. As a believer God call us....
 1. _____ John 15:15
 2. _____, children, heirs Romans 8:14-15
 3. _____, member of God's household Ephesians 2:19
 - ii. You can be _____ you will never be separated from God. Romans 8:38-39
 - iii. The separated relationship has been restored through the baby Jesus who is the centrepiece of Christmas. Romans 5:8, John 15:15, Romans 8:16

Summary/application: The baby supplied the answer to our legal and relationship problem that kept us separated from God.

Isaiah 9:6

***For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.***

Discussion Questions

1. In your own words, describe the legal problem that separates people from God. Which Bible verse from the sermon today helps to explain this situation?
2. In your own words, describe the relational problem that separates people from God. Which Bible verse from the sermon today helps to explain this situation?
3. On a scale of 1 to 10 how sure are you that your legal and relational standing with God is completely restored?
4. How can being unsure of your legal or relational standing with God hinder a believer's growth and service to God?
5. On a scale of 1 to 10 how confident are you that you are equipped to talk with a friend or family member about how they can be sure their standing with God is completely restored?

If you are unsure of your legal standing before God or your relationship with God, please contact Pastor Stan (stan@aic.org.hk).

If you are interested in becoming better equipped to mentor someone in his or her relationship with God, please contact Pastor Stan.