

SERIES: *Christmas: Past, Present & Future*
TITLE: *Present*
SPEAKER: *Pastor Bob Marvel*
PASSAGE: *Matthew 1:20-23, Isaiah 9:6*
DATES: *December 11-12, 2021*



MESSAGE TAKEAWAY

- God loves you so much, He desires to be with you.
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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Of the numerous variations of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," which one or two are your favorites and why?
 - Describe what you like most about the Christmas season?
 - Who, in this world, is your favorite person to be with, and why?
 - Tell us about a time when you experienced a special presence of God.
 - How do you explain what Jesus was saying in John 8:58, "Before Abraham was, I Am"?
 - How would you explain the incarnation of Jesus, and why Jesus chose to become one of us?
 - Isaiah 9:6 says, "For to us a child is born, to you a son is given." How would you explain the use of the two different terms, "child" and "son"?
 - In Isaiah, Jesus is given four titles: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Which of these roles of Christ has been most important to you this past week and why?
 - Jesus was called Emmanuel, meaning God with us. How and why is the with-ness of God important to you?
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NEXT STEPS

- Set aside some time this week to just be alone with God. Listen carefully for His voice. He may have something very important to say to you. Relish the privilege of His presence.
- Live in the reality that every day is Christmas.