

**Text:** Isaiah 11:1-10

**Meaning:** Isaiah declares the eternal impact Christ will make

**Big Idea:** Everything changes when Christ returns.

**Objective:** I want the hearers to experience transformation in Christ

**Theme:** What happens when Christ takes over? What changes?

### **CHRISTMAS REVOLUTION**

In Isaiah 11 we have the prophet of God talking about the coming Kingdom of God in the future and the coming Messiah who would reign over it. From the earliest points of Jewish history the Hebrew people have been looking for a Messiah, one who would come as Savior, prophet, priest, and ultimately as King. In this passage Isaiah reveals to us some characteristics of the coming Messiah.

**HUMBLE BEGINNING** – the Messiah would come from the stump of Jesse, so at the time of the Messiah's entry that house of King David would be reduced to nothing more than a stump and from this would grow a fragile shoot that would grow to bear incredible fruit. Jesus was this shoot from the stump of Jesse, born to a carpenter and an unwed teenage mother and raised in a non-descript town called Nazareth. Christ said He came to serve not to be served, so one of the leading messages of Christmas and of Christ Himself is that humility is the path to contentment.

**SUPERNATURAL BLESSING** – Isaiah says that He would be endowed with power from on high by the very Spirit of the Lord, and that He would possess wisdom and understanding, counsel and might, and knowledge and the fear of the Lord. Jesus may have been born on Christmas, but that wasn't the beginning of His existence. He always has been and always will be God. He existed in eternity past and will exist for all eternity future, and He stepped onto the stage of human history at the Father's perfect pre-ordained time to rescue us from our sin and brokenness. Jesus was fully man, but He always has been and always will be also fully God.

### **Christmas means there is a holy takeover that is coming**

Today Christ wants to change your marriage, change your family, transform your relationships, and revolutionize your life.

A holy takeover is on the way, a revolution, and Christ will reign as King forever.

Has Christ taken over your life?

When Christ takes over His life becomes our life. His mission becomes our mission. His Kingdom becomes our focus. When Christ takes over what happens?

### **TRANSFORMATION TAKES PLACE!**

#### **1. WE ARE LED BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD**

Isaiah says of Jesus here that the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him. Notice the word Spirit is used four times and the all caps name of the LORD is used twice all in one verse. Isaiah is emphatically declaring here that Jesus is not just a good prophet, not just a famous religious cleric, not just a martyr who died for a cause – He was, always has been, and always will be God.

The word Spirit here is not a symbol, it is a title. Notice each time the word is used it begins with a capital S. Also, notice here the all caps name of the LORD. This is the covenant name of God – YHWH in the Greek, the famous tetragrammaton as it is referred to. It is the very name God told Moses to give to the people when they asked who sent Him to them. It is the name that religious leaders were afraid to even speak for fear they would lose their lives. Later two vowels A and E were added for pronunciation sake, and we get the name YAHWEH.

So, Jesus and the Holy Spirit and both one and the same with YAHWEH GOD. In fact, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are YAHWEH GOD.

Now, apply that to our lives. Just as the Spirit of the Lord rested upon Christ while on earth, so too when we trust in Christ we are born again of the Spirit of God.

### **BAPTISM OF THE SPIRIT – John 3, Ephesians 1:13**

Jesus told Nicodemus in John 3 – unless you are born of water and the Spirit you cannot enter the Kingdom of God. So just as physical birth was our entry into the world, so too our spiritual birth is our entry into God's Kingdom. In Ephesians 1:13 it says that after listening to the gospel message and having believed in Christ we are sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit. When we submit to Christ as King the Spirit takes up residence in our heart.

### **FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT – Galatians 5:22-23**

When the Holy Spirit of God comes we begin to exemplify the character of Christ, the fruit of the Spirit.

#### **Galatians 5:22-23**

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control*

### **FILLING OF THE SPIRIT – Ephesians 5:18**

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And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit

### **FUNCTION OF THE SPIRIT – Acts 1:8**

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*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."*

The Christian life is the **SPIRIT FILLED, SPIRIT LED LIFE**. It is the Holy Spirit who brings transformation in our life.

When the Holy takeover takes place in your life, and Jesus becomes your King, you are born of the Spirit and being to walk with Him.

Christian life is not FACTS its FAITH

Christian life is not merely LEARNING its LOVING

Christian life is not INFORMATION its TRANSFORMATION

Christian life is prayer, and worship, and hearing God's voice, and resting in His Presence, and trusting in His guidance.

The Scripture points us to the Savior and the filling of the Spirit.

## **2. WE ARE FIXATED ON THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD**

Isaiah goes on to describe what Christ's reign as King is going to look like, and to summarize, it is going to look totally different than what we see from political leaders and rulers around the world today. He will judge the world in true righteousness. He will put in place a system that is fair and equitable for all people, and He will stand for the poor and the meek in society. In fact, he will eradicate wickedness from the world.

### **KINGDOM EYES/EARS**

Jesus will not judge by outward appearance, simply by what is said or seen. He will judge the earth justly. So too, when Christ comes we begin to see the world as He sees it, with eyes and ears of love and compassion.

## **RIGHTEOUSNESS**

Isaiah says that righteousness shall be the belt of His waist. Christ wears righteousness 24-7 becomes He is perfectly holy and right. In salvation we too are given the righteousness of God as a free gift by His grace.

### **2 Corinthians 5:21**

*For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

In salvation we make the great exchange. We exchange all our sin for all His righteousness. We are justified, which means we are no longer guilty before God, and when the Father sees us He sees the righteousness of His Son. That's the only way we could be made right with God is by putting on the righteousness of Christ by faith because we have no righteousness of our own.

## **FAITHFULNESS**

Faithfulness in the Hebrew carries the ideas of STEADFASTNESS, HONESTY, INTEGRITY, STABILITY, AND TRUSTWORTHINESS. It is spiritual staying power. It means when Christ comes to live in us we become people that others can count on. Loving consistent followers who are not moved by different winds of doctrine or by situations or circumstances that arise.

### **3. WE ARE FILLED WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD**

His kingdom will also mean a *restored creation* because nature will once again enjoy the harmony it enjoyed before sin entered in (Isa. 11:6–9; Rom. 8:18–25). “The earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea” (Isa. 11:9; see Hab. 2:14)...It will be like a “second exodus” as God

opens the way for His people to return to their land. In a limited sense, this promise was fulfilled after the Assyrian conquest and when the Jews left Babylonian Captivity; but the ultimate fulfillment will be at the end of the age when Messiah regathers His people<sup>1</sup>

The glorious news today is that when we submit to Christ we too experience an exodus. Christ redeems us from our slavery to sin and this world and takes us to a new land flowing with spiritual blessings and peace.

### **Isaiah paints a beautiful picture here of what that millennial Kingdom existence with Jesus will be like.**

- Wolf dwell with the Lamb
- Cattle and bears shall graze
- Lion shall eat straw like an ox
- Nursing Child shall play over the hole of the cobra
- Weaned Child put his hand in the den of an adder

Struggle, sickness, death, unfortunate events – all removed.

No more children dying before their time. No more terrible accidents that take lives. No more fear. No more anxiety. No more sorrow. No more pain.

When Christ takes over as King of our heart, these difficult circumstances are still a reality in the waiting. But they have no authority over our lives!

### **WHERE JESUS IS KING THERE IS.....**

Uncommon peace  
Unprecedented Grace

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<sup>1</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, [\*Be Comforted\*](#), “Be” Commentary Series (Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1996), 41.

Uncharacteristic Love