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Matthew 16:16 KJV “And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

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Topic >> A child is born (human) unto us a son is given (God the Son)

Isaiah 9:6 KJV “ 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.”

Jesus Christ is our “Kinsman Redeemer” – Read the Book of Ruth for a full understanding of this phrase. There were four requirements:

- 1)-He must be near of kin (**He was fully Human**)
- 2)-He must be able to redeem (**He was sinless and without sin**)
- 3)-He must be willing to redeem (**He willingly went to the cross**)
- 4)-Redemption was completed when the price was completely paid for (on the cross Jesus said “**it is finished**” – **all the sins of humanity were paid for**)

Our “REDEMPTION” has been purchased at a great personal cost

An Expose’ on What Christmas is Really About – “Jesus Christ”

“Why does Christ’s righteousness need to be imputed to us?”

Jesus uttered these words: “Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.” (**Matt 5:48**). It would seem then that we need to be perfect to enter heaven. There is not one of us that ever have a hope of achieving. Therefore, no matter how good we try to be, we will never meet God’s standard of perfection. The Bible tells us that all **our righteous deeds are as “filthy rags”** (**Isiah 64:6**).

Jesus’ mission wasn’t simply to die on the cross for our sins but also to live a life of perfect righteousness. He lived a perfect life in full obedience to the law of God, word and deed. This refers to as the active and passive obedience of Christ. Passive obedience refers to Christ’s submission to the crucifixion without resisting (**Isaiah 53:7**). His passive obedience pays our sin debt before God but it is the active obedience that gives us the perfection God requires.

The Apostle Paul writes, “but now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested **“even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe”** (**Rom 3:21-22**). Through our faith in Christ, the righteousness of God is given to us. This is called “imputed” righteousness. To impute something is to ascribe that perfect righteousness of Christ to our account so that we become perfect in His sight. **2nd Corinthians 5:21 KJV** “For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.”

Not only is Christ’s righteousness imputed to us through faith **but our sin is imputed to Him so, as He suffers on the cross**, He is suffering the just penalty that our sin deserves.

We are not righteous in ourselves; rather we possess Christ’s righteousness applied to our account. It is not our perfection but Christ’s that God sees when He brings us into fellowship with Himself. We are still sinners in practice but the Grace of God has declared us to have a righteous standing before the law (because we are in Christ)

Christ PAID FOR our sins & IMPUTES to us His RIGHTEOUSNESS

