

# THE SALVATION SPECTRUM

A Newsletter presented by Jesus Christ Rock of Salvation - San Antonio, TX (JCRS-SATX) Church

Isaiah 9:6-7 AMP, "6 For to us a Child shall be born, to us a Son shall be given; And the government shall be upon His shoulder, And His name shall be called **Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace**. 7 There shall be no end to the increase of His government and of peace, [He shall rule] on the throne of David and over his kingdom, To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness From that time forward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will accomplish this."



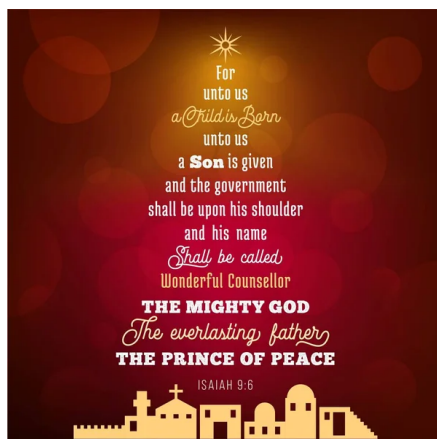
Isaiah prophesied the Lord Jesus' coming, 700 years before His birth. The Messianic prophecy came during a time when God's people rejected His faithfulness and kindness, choosing instead to seek help from other nations. Because they chose to ignore the Lord's love and guidance, the consequences of their choices brought dark and troubling times for them. But God in His grace and mercy, promised to lead them through their times of despair and promised to send a **Light Who** would shine on everyone living in the shadow of death. Jesus, the Son of God, is our **Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace**. He came to deliver all people from their slavery to sin!!!

As our **Wonderful Counselor**: Jesus is our best advisor, guide, confidant, and instructor, Who can help us identify goals for our lives; strategies and solutions for any problems or issues; blesses us with the best coping skills for any situation; strengthens us from within; and gave us the best example to follow in living a life of obedience to our Heavenly Father.

As our **Mighty God**: Jesus, Immanuel (God with us), is 100% God and 100% man. He left Heaven to come down to this earth to dwell among us. He is all-powerful, all-knowing, and ever-present. He is strong and mighty to save, heal, restore and resurrect all who call on His Name.

As our **Everlasting Father**: Jesus, God incarnate, is the Alpha and the Omega; the beginning and the end. He was, is and forever will be, and His Kingdom will have no end.

As our **Prince of Peace**: Jesus, our Shalom, means that in Him: we are in a covenant relationship with our Heavenly Father; we are complete; we have His peace that surpasses all understanding (not like the world gives); we are safe; we are healthy; and we are prosperous (spiritually, physically, emotionally and financially).



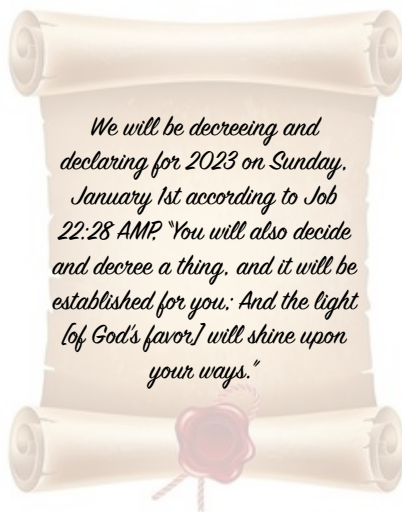
Heavenly Father, in Your infinite wisdom, grace, mercy, steadfast and everlasting love for each and every one of us, You gave of Yourself, Your only begotten Son, Jesus, who came as our Savior, to deliver all people from their slavery to sin. Father God, may we purpose in our hearts during this Christmas Season, to celebrate the **Birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, Immanuel (God with us), our Messiah, Our Light of the World, our Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father and Prince of Peace**. And may we share the Good News of His coming with others. In Jesus' Holy Name we pray 🙏❤️✝️





Brenda Fonseca - 12/12  
Bernardo (Bubba) Ruiz, Jr. - 12/20

## DECREEING AND DECLARING FOR THE NEW YEAR 2023



### Church Services:

Sundays @ 10:00AM  
15920 Henze Road  
San Antonio, Tx 78223

### Hour of Prayer:

Every Tuesday @ 7:00PM  
Send a private message to the  
JCRS-SATX FB Page or  
message Pastor Cindy 210-838-3668  
or any church member,  
or email the Church direct:  
JCRS.SATX@gmail.com

### Bible Study:

Wednesdays @ 6:30PM  
Live on:  
JCRS-SATX FB Page

# SYMBOLS OF CHRISTMAS

It's the most wonderful time of the year!!! And why not??? We're celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!!! We know in our hearts that **JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON!!** With that in mind, let's take a look at what some of the Christmas season's symbols represent spiritually.



The **Christmas Tree**, an **evergreen** which thrives in the dead of winter. It reminds us of the hope that we have in Jesus that will never fail in great trials and winters of our lives. It's been said that Martin Luther was one of the first to place lights or candles on a tree, representing the Light of Christ. (<https://www.history.com/topics/christmas/history-of-christmas-trees>). Let's choose to see the **evergreen Christmas tree** as a symbol of our hope for eternal life in Heaven through our Heavenly Father's gift of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. (John 3:16)

The **Star** which sometimes can be found sitting on top of a Christmas tree, is one of the most recognizable symbols of the holiday. The **Star** was highlighted in the sky when Jesus Christ was born and it led the Wise Men to Jesus. It reminds us to follow the **Light** of the Savior just as the Wise Men followed the light of the **Star** to find Him. (Matthew 2:2 & John 8:12)



The **Candy Cane** reminds us of the staffs that the shepherds' carry. The staffs are used as guiding instruments leading the sheep to food and water. They also protect the sheep from harm. **Jesus is our Great Shepherd** who laid down His life for His sheep and guides, protects, and provides daily. His sheep know Him and hear His voice. (John 10:11-14)

The **Holly**, because of its **red berries** and **prickly green leaves** which last all year round, is used as Christmas decoration all over the world. The sharp edges of the **holly leaf** remind us of the crown of thorns placed on the Savior's head. The **red holly berry** reminds us of Jesus' blood shed for each one of us. In some Scandinavian languages, the word for **holly** is "Christ-thorn." (Matthew 27:29; Mark 15:17 and John 19:2)



**Christmas is the season of Giving.** The Wise Men who came to see Jesus, presented him with **gifts** of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. (Matthew 2:11). But the greatest **gift** of all came from our Heavenly Father, "For God so loved the world, that He **gave** His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). As we open our brightly wrapped presents this year, let's remember that **JESUS CHRIST, OUR LORD AND SAVIOR IS THE TRUE GIFT OF CHRISTMAS WHO KEEPS ON GIVING FOR ALL ETERNITY!!! WE SHOULD ALL SHARE THE ETERNAL GIFT OF CHRIST WITH OTHERS DURING THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON** 🙏❤️🕊️

