

The Gospel According to Isaiah
From **RUIN** To **REDEMPTION**



“From Gloom to Glory.”

October 5, 2025

Text: *Isaiah 9:1-7*

Sermon Series: “From Ruin to Redemption.”

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Introduction: The Bioluminescent Bay

- *Key Truth:* God’s light breaks in at the darkest moments.

Tension: Our world is filled with cultural darkness.

- *Examples of Cultural Darkness:*
 - Death
 - Depression
 - Doubt

I. WHAT is the Darkness? (Isaiah 8:22-9:2)

- Darkness = **the absence of God**.
- Judah rejected God and turned to mediums, necromancers, and political alliances (8:19)
- *Application:* In our lives, darkness is when we run from God rather than to Him.

II. WHY does the Darkness happen? (Isaiah 9:3-5)

- People **love the darkness rather than the light** (John 3:19).
- Darkness comes through:
 - **Oppression & abuse of power** (v.4 – “yoke of burden”).
 - **War, anger, and pride** (v.5 – “garments rolled in blood”).
 - But God promises to end oppression, break chains, and burn war to the ground.

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III. **HOW** do we overcome the Darkness? (Isaiah 9:6-8)

- God Himself entered the darkness.
- The Child was born — the Son was given.
- Titles of Jesus (9:6):
 - **Wonderful Counselor** – perfect wisdom.
 - **Mighty God** – divine power.
 - **Everlasting Father** – sacrificial, loving care.
 - **Prince of Peace** – shalom with God and others.

Our Ultimate Hope: Christ will reign forever with justice and righteousness.

Conclusion: Answer God's Call to Justice

- Come back **TONIGHT** for our Underground Sessions! (5-8pm)

Memory Verse (Isaiah 9:6, ESV):

*For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

Reading Plan This Week

- **Monday:** Isaiah 8:1-22
- **Tuesday:** Isaiah 9:1-7
- **Wednesday:** Isaiah 9:8-21
- **Thursday:** Isaiah 10:1-34

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