

## OUR WONDERFUL COUNSELOR

### What Child Is This? — Part 1

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"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."  
Isaiah 9:6 (NIV)

"No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love Him."  
1 Corinthians 2:9 (NLT)

## I. We Need Jesus' Counsel Because...

### A. We don't know ourselves as well as we think we do.

"The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?"  
Jeremiah 17:9 (NIV)

### B. Our insight and understanding are limited.

"My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways..."  
Isaiah 55:8 (NIV)

"Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind..."  
Romans 12:2 (NIV)

## II. Jesus Is Qualified To Be Our Counselor Because...

### A. He is God.

"In Him lie hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."  
Colossians 2:3 (NLT)

### B. He is man.

"He had to be one of us, so that He could serve God as our merciful and faithful high priest and sacrifice Himself for the forgiveness of our sins. And now that Jesus has suffered and was tempted, He can help anyone else who is tempted."  
Hebrews 2:17-18 (CEV)

### C. He loves us.

"The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighborhood."  
John 1:14 (MSG)

### D. He encourages us.

"I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid."  
John 14:27 (NLT)

"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble."  
Psalm 46:1 (NIV)

### E. He is patient with us.

"Philip said to Jesus, 'Lord, show us the Father, and that will satisfy us.' Jesus replied, 'I have been with all of you for a long time. Don't you know me yet, Philip? The person who has seen me has seen the Father. So how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?'"  
John 14:8-9 (GW)

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**F. He knows our heart.**

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"You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely."  
Psalm 139:3-4 (NIV)

**G. He prays for us.**

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"I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me through their message."  
John 17:20 (NLT)

"He always lives to make intercession for them."  
Hebrews 7:25 (NASB)