

HOW CAN JESUS HELP?

Jesus came to help us in every way.

KEY POINTS

- ❖ Peter Wagner described the spiritual gift of helps as “the special ability to support and invest in the ministry of other believers to increase their effectiveness.”
- ❖ During the Christmas season, this gift becomes especially meaningful as the Church reflects on how Jesus came to help humanity in every way.
- ❖ Isaiah spoke during a time of instability in Judah and was unsure of its future because the people were spiritually compromised and they also faced political threats.
- ❖ It was in this setting that God gave a prophecy that announced a coming Messiah who would bring direction, restoration, and peace.
- ❖ Human help is limited and imperfect. Even the best systems and leaders cannot fully heal the human heart.
- ❖ Isaiah 9:6-7 offers a clear picture of the help God provides through His Son, while Hebrews 4:15 reminds believers that Jesus understands human weakness because He lived among us without sin.

Jesus came to be everything to us.

- ❖ God’s promise of hope began with the birth of a child (Isaiah 9:6). This prophecy assured Judah that God had not abandoned them.
- ❖ God promised Judah a ruler would arise from among them even while they were under siege.
- ❖ “The government will be on his shoulders” (v. 6). This describes the Messiah’s divine authority. His role was to guide God’s people into the life God intended for them, carrying the responsibility of leadership with perfect wisdom.
- ❖ Isaiah identifies the Messiah through four titles—Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace (v. 6).
- ❖ Each title describes help at every level of human need: wisdom for decisions, power over oppression, care that is eternal, and peace that brings wholeness.
- ❖ This “peace,” or shalom, refers to complete well-being and stability, replacing the fear and chaos Judah faced.

Jesus came as a fulfillment of God’s covenant promise.

- ❖ Isaiah then reveals that the Kingdom this child would establish would never come to an end (Isaiah 9:7).
- ❖ Human kingdoms rise and fall, but Christ’s rule is everlasting. His dominion brings a peace that does not expire.
- ❖ Isaiah also declares that the Messiah would “reign on David’s throne” (v. 7). This connects directly to God’s covenant in 2 Samuel 7:16, where God promised that David’s kingdom would endure forever.
- ❖ The coming of Jesus was not random but the unfolding of God’s long-established plan.
- ❖ Isaiah 9:7 continues to say, “establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever.”

KEY SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 9:6-7

(all scripture in NIV unless otherwise noted)

- ❖ Justice and righteousness describe an environment where people flourish.
- ❖ Jesus helps humanity not only by saving from sin, but by establishing a Kingdom where what is right and just defines life.
- ❖ The message of salvation continues through Acts 2:38, where repentance, baptism, and the gift of the Holy Spirit mark entry into this covenant relationship.
- ❖ **Jesus is everything to us by God’s initiative not ours**
- ❖ Isaiah closes this prophecy by showing that God Himself would ensure its fulfillment (Isaiah 9:7).
- ❖ Salvation was not achieved by human effort but by God’s determination to redeem His people.
- ❖ Christmas represents that God Himself took responsibility for restoring what humanity could not fix.
- ❖ God does not simply make help available from a distance. He actively guides, restores, and draws people to Himself. Whatever is needed for transformation, healing, stability, and purpose, Jesus supplies.
- ❖ Because God initiated salvation, believers do not strive alone; His help is constant, faithful, and sufficient.
- ❖ What God began through His Son, He remains committed to completing.
- ❖ Jesus came to help in every way—spiritually, emotionally, and practically. He fulfills God’s covenant, provides everything humanity needs, and offers His help through God’s initiative.
- ❖ As the Church receives His help, believers are empowered by the Holy Spirit to help others grow toward maturity in Christ.
- ❖ This Christmas, may hearts remain open to the One who was given to be everything God intended for humanity to become.

DISCUSSION/REFLECTION TOOLS

1. God does not simply make help available from a distance." Provide an example of how God has actively made a difference in your life.
2. Hebrews 4:15 reminds us that Jesus understands our weaknesses. How does this give you confidence to bring your struggles to Him?
3. The prophecy in Isaiah promises that the Messiah would lead people into the life God intended for them. In what ways do you see Jesus shaping your growth, decisions, or character this year?

PRAYER TIME

Lord, we receive Your help today. Strengthen our hearts and guide our steps as we walk with You.
Amen.

WEEK OF SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2025

NOTES

Meditate as you read through/listen to this week’s message. If it helps, use symbols for your notes.

✓ (Reminds me/Confirms) 💡 (New idea) ☁️ (Think about)

! (Do this) ❤️ (Speaks to my heart) ↔ (Must share)

PRAYER NEEDS/THANKSGIVINGS

Go deeper with your Life Group family.
CONNECT-REFLECT-DISSECT THE WORD
Your Life Group ~ Your Lifeline

Start-up: If you suddenly needed help with something right now, who's the first person you'd call. Why?

PRAYER FOCUS: Salvation for our unsaved family and friends.

24-hour Prayer: Daily;

Daily Devotions: Monday - Friday @ 6:30 a.m. & 9:00 p.m.;

Departmental Prayer: Every Thursday (please check schedule)

Corporate Prayer: Every Friday @ 7:00 p.m. (and in person every second Friday @ 9:00 p.m. - 3:00 a.m.).

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



2025 CHRISTMAS CAMPAIGN

This Christmas, we're inviting everyone in our church family to be part of a special video celebrating the theme "Believe Again." Whether you come as a family, with friends, or on your own, we'd love for you to share what Christmas means to you. Come be part of something beautiful as we capture the heart of Christmas together.

Let's remind our world to Believe Again.

Contact: Sis. Andrea Peel

FS PRAYER HOSTS AND LEADERS

There will be another prayer leaders, prayer hosts & co-host training session via the FS "Departmental Meetings" zoom link on www.faithsanctuary.com.

Date: Sunday, December 14th, 2025

Time: 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Contact: Bro. Mike Allen

FS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Please join us for our annual Christmas program.

Date: Friday, December 19th, 2025 @ 8:00 p.m.

Place: Faith Sanctuary

Contact: Pastor Adrian Peel

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

Date: Thursday, December 25th

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Place: Faith Sanctuary

Contact: Pastor Adrian Peel

WATCHNIGHT SERVICE

Date: Wednesday, December 31st

Time: 10:00 p.m.

Place: Faith Sanctuary

Contact: Pastor Adrian Peel

FAITH SANCTUARY WEEKLY SERVICES

Sunday Bible Study @ 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service @ 11:00 a.m.

(Listen via phone: 1-844-268-4848)

Monday Berean Bible Study @ 6:30 p.m.

(Zoom, Facebook, YouTube)

Wednesday Bible Study @ 7:30 p.m.

(In person and via Zoom)

Friday Evening Service @ 8:00 p.m.

(In person and via Zoom)

Life Group Meetings – individually scheduled
(see ushers for information)

FAITH FOUNDATIONS

GOD

We believe there is only one God: the eternal, holy, loving, all-knowing, all-powerful, omnipresent Spirit, creator of all (Deuteronomy 6:4; 1 Timothy 1:17; Leviticus 19:2; 1 John 4:8; Hebrews 4:13; Revelation 19:6; Jeremiah 23:24; John 4:24; Isaiah 44:24; Colossians 1:16).

GOD'S WORD

We believe the Holy Scriptures—The Bible—is God's true and complete Word to humanity, verified most notably through fulfilled prophecies concerning Jesus Christ (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Isaiah 41:21-23, 42:8-9, 46:9-10; Luke 24:25-27; John 17:17).

GOD'S CREATION

We believe all people were created in the image of God for His pleasure, to be His children, His church and His bride, living in eternal love and fellowship with Him (Revelation 4:1; Genesis 1:27; John 1:12-13; Romans 8:16; Ephesians 5:25-32; Revelation 19:7).

HUMANITY'S FALL

We acknowledge that we have all sinned and failed to fulfill God's plan and purpose for our lives, through willful disobedience to the word of God and our own conscience. All sinful acts lead to separation and alienation from God's pure, holy presence, eventually resulting in both physical and spiritual death (Romans 3:23, 6:23a).

THE GOSPEL

We believe that Jesus Christ is the Almighty God, fully divine and fully human (1 Timothy 3:16). He came to Earth and suffered death by crucifixion, willingly substituting Himself for us in receiving God's judgment against sin (Isaiah 53:5). But God raised Him from death (Acts 5:30), and He now offers eternal life to all who will believe in Him (John 3:14-17, 6:29; 2 Corinthians 5:18-21; Romans 6:23b; Ephesians 2:4-9). Faith is sparked within us when we hear the gospel, the "good news" that Jesus died, was buried and rose from the dead for our benefit (Romans 10:14-17; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4).

OUR FAITH RESPONSE

Hearing the gospel is intended to lead us to repentance, a divinely inspired change of heart that causes us to turn away from our sins and turn to God (2 Corinthians 7:9-10; 2 Timothy 2:24-26). Faith and repentance lead us to obey the scriptural command to be baptized in Jesus' name for the forgiveness of our sins and to receive His gift of the Holy Spirit. His Spirit gives us the power to live a righteous, godly life, joyfully sharing the good news of our new life in Christ with others (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38, 4:12; 1 Peter 1:22-23).

CHRIST'S RETURN

We believe our Lord Jesus Christ will soon return to Earth to receive His people to Himself and establish His righteous, eternal kingdom (John 14:3; Matthew 25:34).

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Rev. Adrian W. Peel

*"The zeal of the Lord
Almighty will accomplish
this."*

Isaiah 9:7 (NIV)

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