

Christmas Day
The Comma Makes it Matter
Isaiah 9: 6-7

Did you look for the perfect gift this year? How did that go?

Isaiah declares the first and best gift?

- **Is Jesus Wonderful _____ the comma?**

Or

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Message Application:

LET'S EAT GRANDMA!
Or
LET'S EAT, GRANDMA!

As we learned today, punctuation matters! In my opinion I like the comma. Not just in the above comparison but in Isaiah's description of who Jesus is.

*“And His name will be called
A Wonderful, Counselor,...”*

I like the Wonderful Jesus; not just a wonderful counselor. A couple weeks ago I made a statement about keeping God in a box. Well that's not the place for Jesus in your life.

There's too much of that kind of thinking in our culture today. I want a wonderful counselor that doesn't challenge me to change my dark, idolatrous ways. I don't want a Jesus that will make me like Him. I want a Jesus I can make more like me. What a surprise we will all have when Jesus returns in all his wonderful glory, might and Judgement!

I'm not trying to bring down your Christmas spirit. I'm trying to make it clear we need the Spirit of Christ in us. That doesn't happen by making Christ your own personal Jesus. It happens as we allow Christ to transform us into His likeness. It is then we will receive the Wonderful gift this Christmas! I hope you make room for Jesus in your life today!

Grace & Peace,

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