

The third title that is here applied to the Lord is a mighty God. This makes it necessary for anyone who does not accept the Christian teaching to try to find a way to reinterpret the name so as to avoid having this be the name of the one who is to be born. No one but deity itself could be called the Mighty God. Jesus Christ is from the very foundation of the universe the Mighty God. Colossians tells us that it is by Him that God made the worlds, ~~even~~ even when He was the babe in Bethlehem He was controlling the planets in their orbits and directing the ~~movements~~ movements of the stars. He is the One who possesses all power in heaven and earth. On ~~Christian~~ Christmas day we celebrate the fact that the Mighty God chose to become a little babe to grow up to take our sins upon Himself.

The next title given to the Son of God is the Everlasting Father. We usually carefully distinguish the ~~term~~ term, the ~~son and the Son a Son~~ Son and the Father, applying each to a different member of the Godhead. This does not mean that it is the Father who was born on ~~Christia-Christm~~ Christmas Day, of course. There was a heresy in the third century AD which was called Patripassionism; in other words, the ~~believ~~ belief that the Father suffered on the cross. God the Father gave His ~~x~~ Son to die for our sins. It was not God the Father but God the Son who died on the cross; nevertheless, God the Son can properly be called the Everlasting Father, ~~It is not God the Father but God the~~ since He is the creator and protector ~~xxx~~ of all who believe on Him. He has a fatherly relationship~~x~~ to us if we are His. He has been the Father in this sense from all eternity and ~~always~~ always ~~will be everlasting~~ the everlasting Father.

The last of the~~x~~ terms which are here applied to the babe who is to be born is the Prince of Peace. The Bible gives ~~gr~~ great <sup>praise</sup> ~~grace~~ to the peacemakers,