

ISAIAH 9:1-5
Philippians 1:6
WHILE YOU'RE WAITING
The Carols of Christmas # 2
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Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus by Charles Wesley (1744)/ Tune: Pritchard/ HYFRYODOL

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's Strength and Consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear Desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit,
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

1. Waiting is part of holy history– then and now (Isaiah 9:1-5; Isaiah 40:27-31).

2. As we wait, we rejoice in the gifts God has already given us in Christ (Ephesians 1:3-8).

3. As we wait, we trust and welcome God's continuing work in us (Philippians 1:7; Isaiah 64:4).

APPLICATION: We wait expectantly, trusting God will gloriously complete the work he has begun in the world and in our lives.