

## THE INCARNATION – 4

### DECEMBER 24, 2023

#### REVIEW:

- Christmas reminds us of one of the great mysteries of Godliness.
- The Incarnation is the hypostatic union of deity and humanity.
- Christ became a man eternally, not for just 33 ½ years.
- Christ came to do what man could not do for himself.
- Man's need was to pass from death to life; righteousness: a mediator.
- Only Jesus qualified to do what man needed done.
- Jesus fulfilled all the messianic prophecies.
- The Incarnation reveals the length of God's love.
- Matthew traced the ancestry of Christ from Joseph to David through Solomon.
- Luke traced the ancestry of Christ from Mary to David through Nathan.
- Had Satan known God's wisdom, he wouldn't have had Christ crucified.
- Only Jesus is qualified to sit on the throne of David forever.

#### The Reason

The reason for the Incarnation was to destroy the devil's works and make it possible for man to pass from death to life and become a child of God.

- **HEB. 2:14-18 MSG, 1 JOHN 3:8** Man's need was not to clean up his life and become a better person; joining a church; helping the poor; doing good deeds; or becoming religious. His need was to pass from death to life and become a child of God (**JOHN 10:10**). Two agendas exist!
- **JOHN 5:24, 1 JOHN 3:14, JOHN 1:11-12** The reason for the Incarnation was redemption-for the Messiah to redeem man from his fallen condition and make sonship possible (**GAL. 4:4-7 MSG**).

#### Twofold Identification

The law of identification is the key to mind renewal and understanding our redemption.

- **ROM. 5:12-14 MSG** One man got us into this mess.
- **ROM. 5:15-21 NLT, MSG** One man gets us out and more!

#### God's Unspeakable Gift (2 COR. 9:15)

Christmas reminds us of and celebrates the greatest gift ever given. It's so great, it's too wonderful for words. It's indescribable, unutterable, inexpressible, beyond telling, words cannot describe, priceless, unexplainable, and too perfect to articulate with words. God gave Himself to the world in the person of His Son!

**Conclusion:** Jesus is the reason for the season. It's wonderful to celebrate with family, friends, gatherings, and gift-giving; but may we never lose sight of the true meaning of Christmas. Christ is born, God is with us, is Christmas!