

THE INCARNATION 2

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EPH. 3:14-19

Paul prayed for them to understand God's boundless love. To "know" means to move from intellectual knowledge to experiential knowledge of love's four dimensions: breadth, length, depth, and height. **JOHN 3:16**

- Breadth = World: all people groups, races, genders, and social classes.
- Length = Incarnation: gave His Son.
- Depth = Crucifixion: He took our place, died our death, suffered our wrath, and paid our sin debt, so we wouldn't perish.
- Height = Resurrection: But have everlasting life, **EPH. 2:4-7**.

God's Plan vs Satan's Plan

GEN. 3:14-15 God's Plan:

Involved sending the seed of a woman who would crush Satan's head. He would redeem man and reconcile him back to God, **GAL. 4:4-6**. He would make it possible for him to become sons of God, **JOHN 1:11-12**.

GEN. 4:1-8 Satan's Plan:

Was two-fold: destroy the knowledge of God in the earth and destroy the righteous line in the earth. He inspired Cain to kill Abel because he thought Abel was God's seed. Then he went on a rampage, **GEN. 6:1-8**.

God's Genius

JER. 22:30 Satan believed he succeeded by having David's kingly line cursed because of Jeconiah's wickedness. He was vacationing in Hawaii when another announcement was made, **LUKE 2:7-14**. He immediately set out to inspire the crucifixion to his own undoing, **1 COR. 2:7-8**

MT. 1:16 Matthew traces Jesus' legal and royal lineage to David through Joseph's father Jacob and David's son Solomon. **LUKE 3:23**. Luke connects Jesus to David through Joseph's father-in-law, Heli, and David's son, Nathan. This establishes Jesus' legal right to the Throne of David, **REV. 5:5**. **MT. 22:41-46** The Messiah is a descendent of David. David called Him Lord, why? Because He's also the Son of God.

The Objectives

- To destroy the works of the devil, **1 JOHN 3:8**.
- To deliver man from fear of death, **HEB. 2:14-15**
- To make sonship possible, **JOHN 1:11-12**.
- To offer abundant life, **JOHN 10:10**.

- To obtain eternal redemption, **HEB. 9:12.**
- To deliver us from Satan's powers, **COL. 1:13.**
- To give access to the Throne, **HEB. 4:14-16**

CONCLUSION: The Incarnation celebrates the greatest gift ever given to the human race. Jesus came to be punished for our forgiveness, wounded for our healing, made sin to make us righteous, cursed for us to be blessed, made poor for our provision, rejected for us to be accepted, shamed so we could be clothed in glory, and to taste death for us to pass from death to life. Without the Incarnation, none of this is possible. Merry Christmas – Christ is Born!