



THE GLORY OF GOD  
IN CREATION

Jn. 1:1-5



John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 The same was in the beginning with God.

3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

14 And the **Word was made flesh**, and dwelt among us, (and **we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father**,) full of grace and truth.

18 No man hath seen God at any time; **the only begotten Son**, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared *him*.





Isa. 60:1 Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and **the glory of the LORD** is risen upon thee.

1 Tim. 3:16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: **God** was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

### Review

Our theme this year is *Glorify the Creator*. During the Christmas season we will look at how Christmas does that. In our passage this morning, we see...

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# I. THE GLORY OF GOD IN ETERNITY

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A. There was no beginning for the Lord Jesus Christ –  
Eternity

- “In the beginning...” the Lord Jesus Christ was already there.
- “In the beginning...” the Lord Jesus Christ was the Creator.





Eph. 3:9 And to make all *men* see what *is* the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, **who created all things by Jesus Christ:**

- “In the beginning...” the Lord Jesus Christ was God and will always be God.

B. There was a beginning for Jesus – Bethlehem

2 Cor. 8:9 For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet **for your sakes** he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.





## II. THE GLORY OF GOD ON EARTH

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18 No man hath seen God at any time; **the only begotten Son,** which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared *him*.

- In Bethlehem, the glory of God was clearly in full view for the first time in history, in the person of the Lord Jesus Christ.





**Original Word:** σκηνῶω

**Transliteration:** skénoó

**Definition:** to have one's tent, dwell

**Usage:** I dwell as in a tent, encamp, have my tabernacle.

<https://biblehub.com/greek/4637.htm>

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## A. The Motive of the Incarnation – Love

Jn. 3:16 For **God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son**, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Rom. 5:8 But **God commendeth his love toward us**, in that, **while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.**

1 Jn. 4:9 In this was **manifested the love of God toward us**, **because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.**





## B. The Method of the Incarnation – Humanity

- The motive was love, but the method of the Incarnation is most intriguing and complex.
- The simple truth is that Jesus came to die.
- He came as the “Last Adam” to deliver us from the sinful dilemma of the first Adam.

1 Cor. 15:45 And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; **the last Adam** *was made* a quickening spirit.





Rom. 5:12 Wherefore, as **by one man sin entered** into the world, and **death by sin**; and so death passed upon all men, for that **all have sinned**:

2 Cor. 5:21 For he hath made him **to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.**

- In order for Jesus to die for our sins, He needed to be clothed in human form.
- As God, He cannot die.
- Mary was not the mother of God. She was the mother of Jesus, providing the human body in anticipation of the death, burial and resurrection of Christ.





Phil. 2:5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery **to be equal with God:**

7 But made himself of no reputation, and **took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:**

8 And being found in fashion as a man, **he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.**

9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

10 That **at the name of Jesus every knee should bow**, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth;

11 And *that* **every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord**, to the glory of God the Father.





## C. The Majesty of the Incarnation –the Savior and Salvation

- The only way that any of us, as sinners, can be considered righteous before God, is to have the righteousness of Christ imputed to us.
- Such imputation only happens when we place our faith in Him, and what He has done.

Jas. 2:23 And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, **Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness:** and he was called the Friend of God.

Rom. 4:24 But **for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him** that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead;





- The only way to heaven is through the Lord Jesus Christ:

Jn. 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way**, the truth, and the life: **no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**

Acts 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for **there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.**

Eph. 2:8 For **by grace are ye saved through faith**; and that not of yourselves: **it is the gift of God**:

9 **Not of works**, lest any man should boast.





## Summary

- The Incarnation is, perhaps, the greatest doctrinal truth mankind can grasp.
- The Incarnation encapsulates eternity within temporality.
- The Incarnation is holiness wrapped in humility and love.
- The Incarnation is the eternal hope for all mankind.
- The Incarnation is the Gospel – the Lord Jesus Christ.
- The motive of the Incarnation was love, but the method of the Incarnation is most intriguing and complex.
- The simple truth is that Jesus came to die.





- He came as the “Last Adam” to deliver us from the sinful dilemma of the first Adam.
- The only way that any of us, as sinners, can be considered righteous before God, is to have the righteousness of Christ imputed to us.
- Such imputation only happens when we place our faith in Him, and what He has done.
- The only way to heaven is through the Lord Jesus Christ via the Incarnation!
- The Incarnation, properly understood, gives all the honor and glory of our salvation unto the Lord Jesus Christ!
- The Incarnation is the purpose of Christmas!





## Conclusion

2 Cor. 5:17 Therefore **if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a **new creature****: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

2 Cor. 6:2 (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: **behold, now *is* the accepted time; behold, now *is* the day of salvation.**)