

## THE CHRIST OF CHRISTMAS

AS WE MAKE OUR WAY CLOSER TO CHRISTMAS DAY, IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO STUDY THE ONE WHO MAKES THIS DAY SO SPECIAL. DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup> IS PROBABLY NOT JESUS' ACTUAL BIRTHDAY BUT, IT IS THE DAY WE CELEBRATE HIS BIRTH. THE EMACULATE CONCEPTION OF JESUS CHRIST THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT INTO A VIRGIN NAMED MARY IS THE GREATEST GIFT MANKIND HAS EVER RECEIVED, ONLY TO BE PARALLELED BY HIS OBEDIENT DEATH ON THE CROSS. THIS EVENT WAS SO SIGNIFICANT THAT WE LITERALLY MARK TIME BY IT. B.C. IS "BEFORE CHRIST" AND AD IS A LATIN PHRASE THAT IS "ANNO DOMINI" MEANING "IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD". THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST IS LITERALLY THE DIVIDING POINT OF WORLD HISTORY, DIVIDING THE OLD FROM THE NEW. HOW PEOPLE CAN IGNORE THIS FACT AND CONTINUE DENYING HIS DEITY AND HIS SIGNIFICANCE IS BEYOND ME. OUR CULTURE IS ALL ABOUT THE CELEBRATION OF DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>, JUST DON'T INVITE JESUS. CAN YOU IMAGINE PEOPLE HAVING A BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR YOU EVERY YEAR BUT YOUR NOT INVITED? YOUR NAME IS NOT PERMITTED TO BE PUT ON THE INVITATIONS FOR YOUR PARTY, BECAUSE IT MIGHT OFFEND SOME PEOPLE. CRAZY RIGHT? THIS IS WHAT CHRISTMAS HAS BECOME FOR MANY, JUST A PARTY WITH A GIFT EXCHANGE. NOW, AS I SAID LAST WEEK, THERE IS NOTHING WRONG WITH TRADITION. I LOVE THIS TIME OF YEAR. LET'S JUST MAKE SURE WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE ONE IN WHOM THE DAY OF CELEBRATION IS ALLOCATED. JESUS IS SPECIAL, HE IS IMMANUEL "GOD WITH US" AND HE IS WORTHY OF CELEBRATION. AMEN?

OUR MAIN TEXT TODAY IS COLOSSIANS 1:15-22. LETS LOOK AT THE RELATIONSHIP JESUS HAS, WITH THE FATHER AND WITH CREATION

RELATIONSHIP WITH THE FATHER

Colossians 1:15 NIV

<sup>15</sup>The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

IMAGE/EIKON/PORTRAIT, STAMP, LIKENESS

JESUS IS THE VERY ESSENCE, RADIANCE, NATURE, AND MANIFESTATION OF THE FATHER WHO IS INFINITE

PAUL IS REFUTING FALSE TEACHING IN COLOSSE

John 14:6-7 NIV

<sup>6</sup>Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."

FIRSTBORN/PROTOTOKOS/HEIR OF ALL THINGS  
JESUS IS THE SUPREME ONE OF ALL CREATION

Hebrews 1:3 NIV

<sup>3</sup>The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

THE SON OF GOD WOULD HAVE TO BE:

1. SINLESS/NO ACCURATE ACCUSATIONS AGAINST HIM
2. ABLE TO SPEAK THE GREATEST WORDS EVER SPOKEN
3. ABLE TO INFLUENCE OVER HUMAN PERSONALITY
4. ABLE TO PERFORM MIRACLES
5. ABLE TO KNOW THE FUTURE
6. ABLE TO SHOW US WHAT GOD IS LIKE

RELATIONSHIP WITH CREATION

Colossians 1:16-17 NIV

<sup>16</sup>For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

JESUS IS THE ARCHITECT, BUILDER, SUSTAINER, AND GOAL OF ALL THINGS SEEN AND UNSEEN, ANGELIC AND HUMAN, IDENTIFIED AND UNIDENTIFIED INCLUDING THE FARTHEST REACHES BEYOND OUR SOLAR SYSTEM

FACTS:

A SINGLE HUMAN ORGANISM CONTAINS TWENTY BILLION BITS OF INFORMATION. IF WRITTEN IN BOOKS USING ORDINARY LANGUAGE, IT WOULD TAKE 4,000 VOLUMES

THERE ARE MORE INSECTS IN ONE SQUARE MILE OF RURAL LAND THAN THERE ARE HUMAN BEINGS ON THE ENTIRE EARTH

THE MOON IS 211,463 MILES AWAY FROM EARTH, IF IT WAS ANY CLOSER THE OCEANS WOULD FLOOD THE LAND TWICE A DAY

ALL PLANETS STAY IN THEIR ORBIT BY THE POWER OF HIS WORD

John 1:1-4 NIV

**1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** He was with God in the beginning. **3** Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. **4** In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.

WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN SUCH A BEAUTIFUL GIFT IN THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST. THE CREATOR AND SUSTAINER IS ALSO THE SAVIOR

Isaiah 53:1-6 NIV

**53** Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?<sup>2</sup> He grew up before him like a tender

shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.<sup>3</sup> He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.<sup>4</sup> Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted.<sup>5</sup> But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.<sup>6</sup> We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

MERRY CHRISTMAS JESUS, THANK YOU FOR SAVING US FROM OURSELVES. YOU HUMBLLED YOURSELF IN HUMANITY

RELATIONSHIP WITH HIS CHURCH

Colossians 1:18 NIV

<sup>18</sup> And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

THE HEAD ENABLES THE BODY TO OPERATE CORRECTLY

BEGINNING/ARCHE/FIRST IN POWER AND AUTHORITY,  
ORIGINAL

JESUS BECAME A MAN AND WALKED AMONG THE SPIRITUALLY  
DEAD AND IS THE FIRSTBORN INTO THE RESSURECTED LIFE  
GIVING HIM SUPREMACY

Colossians 1:19-20 NIV

<sup>19</sup> For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, <sup>20</sup> and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

IT PLEASED GOD TO FULLY DWELL IN JESUS AND IT PLEASED GOD TO CRUSH HIM UNDER HIS WRATH, WHY? TO RECONCILE ALL THINGS BACK TO JESUS. WHAT WAS SEEMINGLY LOST IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN HAS BEEN BOUGHT BACK BY PERFECT SINLESS BLOOD. SATAN MUST SUBMIT

Revelation 5:1-5 NIV

**5** Then I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne a scroll with writing on both sides and sealed with seven seals. <sup>2</sup> And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, "Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?" <sup>3</sup> But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it. <sup>4</sup> I wept and wept because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside. <sup>5</sup> Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals."

JESUS HAS THE TITLE DEED TO THE UNIVERSE AND ALL PURITY AND HOLINESS WILL BE FULLY RESTORED TO US IN GLORY

Colossians 1:21-22 NIV

<sup>21</sup> Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. <sup>22</sup> But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation—

THE CHRIST OF CHRISTMAS HAD US IN MIND WHILE HE FOUGHT FLAWLESSLY AGAINST TEMPTATION, TAUGHT THE WORLD ABOUT THE HEART OF GOD, AND LAID DOWN HIS LIFE IN OUR PLACE. HAIL KING JESUS!! SON OF GOD AND SON OF MAN!!!

LET'S MAKE THIS MONTH A SPECIAL BIRTHDAY MONTH FOR OUR KING. AND AS WE CELEBRATE, LETS CELEBRATE HIM IN ALL THINGS, BECAUSE HE IS WORTHY

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