

# HE IS

## A CHRISTMAS SERIES *for* 2015

THE ATTRIBUTES, CELEBRATION AND ADORATION OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST,  
THE SON OF GOD, THE GOD WHO IS CHRISTMAS

Luke 2:6-15

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“HE IS”

*THE CELEBRATION AND ADORATION OF JESUS CHRIST,  
HE IS GOD WITH US - THE SON OF GOD, THE CHRISTMAS CHRIST.*

Part 1 of 2

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Introduction to the Text:

Luke 2:6-15

The Overall Summation of Text and Theme”

**!!!MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!**

The Sights and Sounds of Christmas are everywhere and so they should be.

There is singing, displays, greeting cards – but also, there is this almost strange license to spend money on others and to greet strangers.

**But what are we really doing and why are we doing this?**

**The Fact is Christmas Demands That We Recognize the Existence of God.**

**The Bible begins with the obvious, In the beginning “God”.**

In fact, that is exactly what Dr. Charles Ryrie puts forth when he writes; “IN THE MIDST of the knowledge explosion of these two centuries, it is astounding how many people have forgotten that the greatest knowledge they could possess is the knowledge of God. Suppose inhabitants of other planets were discovered, this would not be as great as knowing about

the one who inhabits heaven. The fact that we have sent men to the moon is not as amazing as sending men to heaven. The knowledge of God is man's top priority."

**Luke 2:6-15**

So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. 7 And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. 8 Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. 10 Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. 11 For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. 12 And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger." 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: 14 "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!" 15 So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, "Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us."

If God exists, what kind of god is He – what are His attributes and ways, if His creation is "teleo-nomic" by design, what is it saying?

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**1.) He Is the Eternal Jesus Christ**

**He is "The God Who Is"**

"God is always previous."

**How do we know Jesus Christ is eternal?**

Argument #1 - the **claim** is made.

Argument #2 - the claim is **observed**.

Argument #3 – the observation is **tested** against the claim.

Argument #4 - the **evidence** is discovered.

**Hebrews 13:8**

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

**Micah 5:2 AMP**

"But you, O Bethlehem, Though you are little among the thousands of villages of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me **The One to be Ruler in Israel**, Whose goings forth (existence) are from of old, From everlasting."

**I want to tell you this morning that,**

Bigger than **Genesis 1**, bigger than **Psalm 19**, bigger than **Exodus 14**,  
Is what we are pausing to focus on today – Christmas!!!

**Galatians 4:4**

But when the fullness of the time had come, **God sent forth** His Son, born of a woman, born under the law,

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## 2.) He Is **the Incarnate Jesus Christ**

**There is no Greater Message than the Gospel Message.**

If you point the Bible in any direction you are sure to address any issue of life.

There is an Exceptionalism to The Gospel that is beyond Transcendent.

That Exceptionalism is that - - **God has come to us!**

**John 1:1-2, 14**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** He was in the beginning with God, **14** And the Word became 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.

**Philippians 2:8**

And being found in appearance as a man (human), He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

**1 Timothy 3:16 NLT**

Without question, this is the great mystery of our faith: **(1)** Christ was revealed in a human body and **(2)** vindicated by the Holy Spirit. He was **(3)** seen by angels and **(4)** announced to the nations. He was **(5)** believed in throughout the world and **(6)** taken to heaven in glory.

**"O Come All Ye Faithful"**

4. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to Thee be glory given;  
Word of the Father, **Now in flesh appearing.**

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## 3.) He Is **the Prophetic Jesus Christ**

**He is the God who alone has told us the future in advance.**

**God challenges those who have put their faith in lies.**

**Matthew 1:20-23**

But while Joseph thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. **21** And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people

from their sins.” 22 So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: 23 “Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which is translated, “**God with us.**”

#### Isaiah 46:9-10

Remember the former things of old, For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, 10 Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things that are not yet done, Saying, “My counsel shall stand, And I will do all My pleasure, = **I AM watching over the events of the world**

#### 2 Peter 1:16-19

For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty. 17 For he received from God the Father honor and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. 18 And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount. 19 We have also a more sure word of prophecy;

## How Do You Know This Morning That Jesus Christ is for Real?

We have “a more sure word of prophecy”

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#### 4.) He Is the Apocalyptic Jesus Christ

**apokalupsis**, ap-ok-al'-oop-sis; a public appearing, manifestation, unveiling, to lift the veil or to remove the covering from off a painting or a statue.

#### “The Unveiling”

##### Genesis 1:1a

In the beginning **God**.

##### Colossians 1:15-16

He (Jesus Christ) is the **image** of **the invisible God**, (Who is He? – He is) the firstborn (preeminent) over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. **All things were created through Him and for Him.** = That would mean you too.

##### Revelation 1:1a

The **Revelation** of Jesus Christ, (Who is He? – He is)

### He is “The Revelation” God

He is the God who has revealed Himself to Mankind.

The Bible predicted the coming of Jesus Christ from Genesis 3 through the Psalmist all the way thru the writings of ancient Hebrew prophets –

And by the Angelic advent in the sky over Bethlehem of Israel.

**Genesis 3 // Psalm 22 // Isaiah 9:6**

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### 5.) He Is the LORD Jesus Christ

#### The Bible "Names" Jesus Christ with the Names of God,

(This is an unforgivable sin on the Bible if not true).

##### Romans 9:5b

Who according to the flesh, Christ came, who is over all, the eternally blessed God. Amen.

##### Titus 2:13

Looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our Great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

##### Philippians 2:11b

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

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### 6.) He Is the Humble Jesus Christ

#### The Kenosis of the Christ

It's a doctrine found throughout the O.T. (Psalm 22 / Isaiah 53 / Proverbs 30).

It's applied to Jesus Christ by the New Testament authors.

#### The Kenosis of the Christ

- (a) Appearing in human flesh. (b) The manger scene. (c) Being subject human care. (d) Exposed to the discomforts of time. (e) Vulnerable to the evils of mankind...

##### Philippians 2:7b-11

And coming in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. 9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

##### "O Come All Ye Faithful"

2. God of God, Light of Light, Lo! He abhors not the Virgin's womb;  
Very God, Begotten not created.<sup>1</sup>

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### 7.) He Is the Sacrificial Jesus Christ

"Hark the herald angels sing"

Glory to the newborn King! Peace on earth and mercy mild God and sinners reconciled  
Joyful, all ye nations rise Join the triumph of the skies With the angelic host proclaim: Christ is born in  
Bethlehem.

" Hark! The herald angel's sing Glory to the newborn King! - Christ by highest heav'n adored , Christ the  
everlasting Lord! Late in time behold Him come Offspring of a Virgin's womb Veiled in flesh the  
Godhead see Hail the **incarnate Deity** Pleased as man with man to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Hark! The herald angel's sing Glory to the newborn King! - Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Son of Righteousness! Light and life to all He brings , Ris'n with healing in His wings .

Mild He lays His glory by, **Born that man no more may die,** Born to raise the sons of earth , Born to give  
them second birth . Hark! The herald angel's sing .

Glory to the newborn King!"

## The atoning work of Jesus Christ is literally incomprehensible.

Epecially when you put it in the light of the kindred, tribes, tongues, and nations who have  
required the blood of their firstborn, or of a virgin, or of a child, or a first born son.

In Judaism the blood of an animal is required.

In Islam the blood of its martyr is required;

### Romans 5:8-9

But God **demonstrates** (to be on exhibit, display, public) His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners,  
Christ died for us. **9** Much more then, having now been **justified by His blood**, we shall be saved from wrath  
through Him.

### Romans 12:1 NLT

And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for  
you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship  
him.

Not so for the God of the Bible.

Christianity requires a **personal** re-action to God's **originating** action.

### Revelation 1:17-18

And when I John saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "**Do not be  
afraid; I am the First and the Last. 18a I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore.**

### Revelation 2:8

"And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write, 'These things says  
**the First and the Last, who was dead, and came to life:**

**He is** the God who created, articulated and executed His redemptive plan.

8.) He Is the Resurrected Jesus Christ

Death has always been man's greatest plague.

The fear of death has crippled the human family.

Death is Feared but Death is Promoted.

We live in a very strange but much predicted age

in human history. Today, Homicide is being celebrated by the Death Cult of Islam. Our State leaders in California are pushing for Physician Assisted Suicide And Abortionist are murdering 1,000's of Children a day in America.

All the while Jesus has said "I have come to give you life".

The message of Jesus' coming is a message of forgiveness, justification, and redemption, but also of the ultimate victory – victory over death.

Why? Why is it important that Jesus be risen, (raised) from the dead.

Acts 2:23-24

Him (Jesus), being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death; 24 whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, **because it was not possible that He should be held by it.**

9.) He Is the Ascended Jesus Christ

Every Religion on Earth has its "Wannabe" Priesthood, or Order, or Clerics.

But there is Only One Who Is Acceptable to Represent you today, Just One – All you need is This One...

Hebrews 7:22-26 NIV

Because of this oath, Jesus has become the guarantor of a better covenant. 23 Now there have been many of those priests, since death prevented them from continuing in office; 24 but because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood. 25 Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them. 26 Such a high priest truly meets our need—one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens.

What, or should I say “Who”, is in your wallet?

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### 10.) He Is the Coming Again Jesus Christ

**Stop and think for a moment – All that is going on in the world right now, are the events not **proofs**? Every day there are more and more **proofs** of God setting the stage for what is written in the Bible.**

#### Acts 1:11

who also said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.”

#### Matthew 24:26-27, 30

“Therefore if they say to you, ‘Look, He is in the desert!’ do not go out; or ‘Look, He is in the inner rooms!’ do not believe it. 27 For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.... 30 Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

#### Revelation 1:7a

Behold, He is coming,

### Having Visitors This Christmas?

**Are you having friends and family over during this Christmas Season?**

**If your home is like our home – we live in it and it tends to look “used”, but when visitors are coming over, it’s an all-out Extreme Makeover.**

#### Philippians 2:8-9 & Acts 4:12 & Acts 2:21

And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. 9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, **Acts 4:12** Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” **Acts 2:21** And it shall come to pass That whoever calls on the name of the LORD Shall be saved.’

*End of Study*

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