

CHRISTMAS SUNDAY SERVICE

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

BORN

The Advent Of God Among Us

Announcing, debating, celebrating the 1st. coming of Jesus Christ

It is my hope that Christmas and its true meaning has somewhat of a startling effect upon you!

As we consider the Magnitude, Magnificence & the Message of Christmas – there is no greater, no more wonderful, no more logical explanation for the existence of God and no more perfect hope for every man and woman, boy and girl – then what Christmas means.

1 Timothy 3:16

And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: **God was** (1) **Manifested** in the flesh, (2) **Justified** in the Spirit, (3) **Seen** by angels, (4) **Preached** among the Gentiles, (5) **Believed** on in the world, (6) **Received** up in glory.

“Without controversy great is the mystery of godliness”

Controversy	grk: homo’logo’menos ; - in common agreement. In open and full awareness, obvious.
Great	grk: mezas ; - without number. Abundant. Surpassing.
Mystery	grk: musterion ; something hidden from view. A mystery as in the discovery of something that has always been but now is revealed or discovered.
Godliness	grk: eusebeia ; good, goodness, god-ness, piety. Purity.

“Born”

The Advent Of God Among Us

1.) BORN into this FLESH

**:16 without controversy great is the mystery of godliness:
God was Manifested in the flesh**

He was Manifest, Meaning...

To take what was invisible and to make visible. To take what was shrouded and to make clear. To make what was hard to know – knowable

“Born Into This Flesh”

1a.) To Manifest His nature to us

If you could have

**(1) every need met / (2) every crisis calmed or (3) every pain eased,
then what would you say to that...?**

The Bible Says: John 14:6-9

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. :7 “If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him.” :8 Philip said to Him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us.” :9 Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?”

The Very “Person of God” is Jesus Christ.
Seen. Heard. Touched. Felt. Pondered.

The Bible Says: 1 John 1:1-3

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life, **2** the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us **3** that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.

The Bible Says: Colossians 1:19

For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell,

The Bible Says: Isaiah 7:14

Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

“Once in our world a stable had something in it
that was bigger than our whole world.”

- C.S. Lewis

“Born Into This Flesh”

1b.) To Manifest His kingdom to us

**The Kingdom of God is far Greater
than what we can begin to know.**

**It is a Kingdom that is “Spiritual” / It is a Kingdom that is “Eternal”
It is a Kingdom that is “Present” / It is a Kingdom that is “Indwelt”
It is a Kingdom that is “Coming” / It is a Kingdom that “Is”**

We read that “The kingdom is within you,”

That “the kingdom is among you,”

That “the kingdom is near you,” and that “the kingdom is coming”

**We’re living in an age where two kingdoms
are in conflict, in collision.**

The Bible Says: Matthew 11:27-30

All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him. **28** Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. **29** Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

“Born Into This Flesh”

1c.) To Manifest His message to us

1 Timothy 1:15

This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that **Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners**, of whom I am chief.

“Born”

The Theme And Mission Of The Coming Of Lord Jesus Christ At Christmas

2.) BORN into our SIN

**:16 without controversy great is the mystery of godliness:
God was, Justified** in the Spirit,

He was Justified, Meaning...

to be put on display as the example, shown to be righteous, to declare or to announce righteousness. Personify justice. **The Justifier.**

“Born Into Our Mess”

2a.) Jesus is the Justifier of our situation (indictment)

What Could Possibly be Wrong with Christmas?
This is what’s “wrong” with Christmas – If you say Merry
Christmas, this is what you’re saying...

Merry, meaning:

To be Happy, Buoyant, Joyful, Exuberant, Glad, Gleeful.

Christ, meaning:

The Anointed One, The Messiah (of Israel first),

Mas, meaning:

The Gathering, The Union of Worship.

The Bible Says: 2 Corinthians 5:19,21

For God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. **21** For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

The Bible Says: John 3:15-21

Whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. **16** For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. **17** For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. **:18** “He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not

believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. **19** And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. **20** For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. **21** But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God.”

“Born Into Our Sin”

2b.) Jesus is the Justifier of God’s holiness (argument)

The Bible Says: Galatians 4:4-5

But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

“Born Into Our Sin”

2c.) Jesus is the Justifier of the Word of God (Spirit)

“Born”

The Theme And Mission
Of The Coming Of Lord Jesus Christ At Christmas

3.) BORN into His CREATION

**:16 without controversy great is the mystery of godliness:
God was, Seen by angels,**

The Bible Says: Colossians 1:15-17

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. **16** 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. **17** And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

“Born Into His Creation”

3a.) He becomes the incarnation

God The Word, The Word of God Became Human

There is an infinite amount of history, records and doctrines that set Jesus Christ apart from all others - - **but nothing more unique than**
“The Message of His Mission”

Christmas is the Message of The Incarnation

Hebrews 10:4-5 ESV

For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats (*religious acts, offerings performances*) to take away sins. :5 Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, “Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but **a body** have you prepared for me.”

“Born Into His Creation”

3b.) He becomes less than Himself

The Kenosis of God

The Bible Says: Philippians 2:7-9

7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. 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,

The Bible Says: John 1:14

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.

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“Born Into His Creation”

3c.) He becomes a witness to His angels

The angels “gawked” at His birth.

The Bible Says: Isaiah 6:1-3

I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. 2 Above it stood **seraphim**; each one had **six wings**: with two he covered his **face**, with two he covered his **feet**, and with two he **flew**. 3 And one cried to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!"

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Luke 2:8-14

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!"

The CROSS of Christ, The CHRIST of God, The CALL from Jesus

Dear Church,

May the LORD bless you and keep you;

May the LORD make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you;

May the LORD lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.

- Numbers 6:24-26

End of Study

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