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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“Christ the Word Made Flesh”

The Centrality of Christ in Redemption

THE THEME OF THIS SERIES:

Colossians 2:9

“For in Christ all the fullness of the Godhead dwells in bodily form”

TOPICAL SUBJECT REFERENCED UNDER:

His Deity, His Humanity

INTRODUCTION:

Our Theme Verse for This Series

Colossians 2:9

“For in Christ all the fullness of the Godhead
dwells in bodily form”

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Essential Christianity.....2 Corinthians 11:4, Another Jesus

“Christ in Eternity”

The Doctrine of
His **“Preexistence”** *which is Solely Unique of God*

John 8:58

...Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly,
I say to you, before Abraham was, **I AM.**”

John 17:5

"And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with **You before the world was.**

Micah 5:2

out of Bethlehem...
whose goings forth are from of old, even from everlasting."

"Christ and His First Coming"

The Doctrine of
His "**Incarnation**" *which is Solely Unique of God*

1 Timothy 3:16

And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen by angels, preached among the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up in glory.

John 1:1, 14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was 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.

Proverbs 30:4

Who has ascended into heaven, or descended? (the Son) Who has gathered the wind in His fists? (the Son) Who has bound the waters in a garment? (the Son) Who has established all the ends of the earth? (the Son) What is His name, and what is His Son's name, if you know? (Jesus)

Regarding His First and Second Comings Note:

- they are bodily visitations,
- they are specific to Israel,
- they are Jewish in context,
- they relate to an existing temple,
- and they are public events

Altogether different from the clandestine Rapture of the church

- that is a bodily appearance
- it relates to the church
- it is global in context
- it requires no prophetic prerequisites
- and it is a private affair

Christ The Word Made Flesh

The Doctrine of
His “**humanity**” *which is Solely Unique of God*

If we haven't Said it,
We have certainly thought it and that is
What would it have been Like to See and Hear Jesus in Person?

“If I Could Just See Jesus”
or
“If I Only Lived Back Then”

Being in
Jesus' Physical Presence
must have been an amazing and awesome experience

“Christ The Word Made Flesh”

When We Say That Jesus Christ *Is*

The Word

we are talking about Jesus Christ revealing to us the Nature and Will of God

When We Say That Jesus Christ *Was*

Made Flesh

we are talking about the actual physical revelation of God to Man

So In Christ We Have...

Colossians 2:9
“.....all the fullness of the Godhead dwelling in bodily form”

Christ The Word Made Flesh

1.) By His Humanity He has Revealed God to Man

1 Timothy 3:16

Beyond all question, the mystery of godliness is great: He appeared in a body, was vindicated by the Spirit, was seen by angels, was preached among the nations, was believed on in the world, was taken up in glory.

Without Jesus Christ

men are blind and lost in this world. But man seeks for meaning and purpose. the questions of love, hate, life and death, eternity, heaven or hell are constant in man's search...

In a Real Visual way Jesus Christ Has "Produced" God before the eyes of Mankind

John 1:18

No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten **Son**, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.



Son grk 2316 theos (teh'-os);
deity, the supreme Divinity

NASB

John 1:18

No man has seen God at any time; the only begotten **God**, who is in the bosom of the Father, He (the only begotten God) has explained {Him.}

Matthew 1:23

"Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name **Immanuel**," which is translated, "**God** with us."

John 14:6-8

6 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'?"

a.) By Revealing God's Nature

Understanding God's Nature

is key to understanding God's intervention into Man's life

Hebrews 1:1-3

God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; 3 who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

His Nature is to Reach Out

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**.

John 1:17

For the law was given through Moses, but **grace and truth** came through Jesus Christ.

This Grace and Truth
can be handled and seen for all

John 8:2-11

Now early in the morning He came again into the temple, and all the people came to Him; and He sat down and taught them. 3 Then the scribes and Pharisees brought to Him a woman caught in adultery.

And when they had set her in the midst, 4 they said to Him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in adultery, in the very act. 5 "Now Moses, in the law, commanded us that such should be stoned. But what do You say?" 6 This they said, testing Him, that they might have something of which to accuse Him. But Jesus stooped down and wrote on the ground with His finger, as though He did not hear. 7 So when they continued asking Him, He raised Himself up and said to them, "He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first." 8 And again He stooped down and wrote on the ground. 9 Then those who heard it, being convicted by their conscience, went out one by one, beginning with the oldest even to the last. And Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst. 10 When Jesus had raised Himself up and saw no one but the woman, He said to her, "Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you?" 11 She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said to her, "Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more."

b.) By Revealing God's Doctrine

His Doctrine (*teaching*) was to Introduce Man to God

Matthew 5:1-3

And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. 2 Then He opened His mouth and **taught** them, saying 3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit...

Mark 1:22

And they were astonished at His **teaching**, for He **taught** them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.



Teaching

grk

1322 didache (did-akh-ay');

verbal instruction. the impartation of knowledge or insight



Taught

grk

1321 didasko (did-as'-ko);

to instruct, to cause to learn. to teach by both verbal and practical instruction

“He Would Teach You About It Then He Would Take You Outside to learn It”

From this we Get
The Journeyman – Apprentice Relationship

John 8:2

Now early in the morning He came again into the temple, and all the people came to Him; and He sat down and **taught** them.

His Doctrine (*teaching*) Unveiled

Romans 11:25

For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this **mystery**, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of **the Gentiles** has come in.

Matthew 4:23

And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people.

“Teaching” That Changed the World

1. it changed the way people thought
2. it changed the way people acted
3. it changed the way people lived

This Revelation of God Through Teaching
Convinced Nicodemus to Go to Jesus

John 3:2

This man Nicodemus came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him."

c.) By Revealing God's Works

Luke 4:18-21

18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; he has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; 19 To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord." 20 Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. 21 And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

The Works, Miracles, Qualified the Preaching!

Matthew 9:5-8

"For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise and walk'? 6 "But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins"-- then He said to the paralytic, "Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." 7 And he arose and departed to his house. 8 Now when the multitudes saw it, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such power to men.

John 9:1-3

Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. 2 And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" 3 Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him.

**Being in
Jesus' Physical Presence
must have been an amazing and awesome experience**

Jesus is Still at Work Today

the working of miracles

was to unlock satan's strongholds and to qualify the gospel message
the result of both is that God is glorified

Acts 10:38

"how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

2.) By His Humanity He was an Example to All

*How a Man Could Live
if he's totally dedicated to God – Sold Out !!!*

a.) By Displaying an Active Faith

Jesus, Like Us, Learned to Trust His Father

Luke 2:40

And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.

b.) By Resting in Absolute Hope

2 Timothy 1:12

For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day.

The Christians Hope is a Hope that is handled

c.) By Showing Unconditional Love

From Heaven to Earth
in some ways was a One Way Trip for Jesus

God's greatest act of love

was when He sent Jesus the Son, who took on the form of a human being and yielded Himself to the limitations of human nature in order to declare the Father to us, showing how far He was willing to go to set us free from our sin.

3.) By His Humanity He Took Our Place in Judgement

God's Holiness Demands Judgement

And the Sinning Soul Shall Surely Die

Hebrews 2:9

But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone.

a.) By Becoming Subject to the Law

John 8:29

"And He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, for I always do those things that please Him."

Matthew 5:17-18

"Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. 18
"For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.

Galatians 4:4

God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law,

b.) By Becoming a Perfect Sacrifice

Jesus – In My Place

Colossians 2:13-14

And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, 14 having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

Hebrews 5:8-9

though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. 9 And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him,

Philippians 2:8

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.

Christ The Word Made Flesh

4.) By His Humanity He Destroyed the Works of Satan

John 12:31
"Now is the judgment of this world;
now the ruler of this world will be cast out.

Colossians 2:15
Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.

Hebrews 2:14
Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil,

a.) He Destroyed The Power of the Flesh

Romans 8:3
For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh,

1 John 3:8
He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

b.) He Destroyed The Power of the World

c.) He Destroyed The Power of Sin

Romans 6:14
For sin shall not have dominion over you,
for you are not under law but under grace.

Christ The Word Made Flesh

5.) By His Humanity He has Become Our High Priest

a.) A High Priest for All Our Weaknesses

Hebrews 4:14-16

Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

b.) A High Priest for All Our Fears

“Acceptance”

Ephesians 1:6

...of His grace, by which He has made us accepted in the Beloved.

c.) A High Priest for All Time

Hebrews 1:3

who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

Christ The Word Made Flesh

6.) By His Humanity He has Enabled God's Promises

Ephesians 2:11-13

Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh-- who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands-- 12 that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

2 Peter 1:3-4

as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, 4 by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that

a.) He Enabled Our Relationship to God

1 Timothy 2:5-6

For there is one **God** and one Mediator between **God** and men, the Man Christ Jesus, 6 who gave Himself a ransom for all,

b.) He Enabled Our Communion with God

Ephesians 2:13

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

c.) He Enabled Our Adoption in God

Ephesians 1:4-5

just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, 5 having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,

Christ The Word Made Flesh

7.) His Humanity Elevated Mankind Again

a.) He has Declared to Us Our Worth

b.) He has Called Us to be His Own

c.) He was Willing to Give All for You