**The First Baptist Church of Columbus**

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**Sermon Notes Outline for video posted December 27, 2020**

**T I T L E: A Pastor’s Perspective of the Christmas Event**

**T E X T: John 1:1, 14**

**I. “And the word became flesh”**

A. A fulfillment of divine promise and prophecy which in and of itself should remind us that time is never an issue with God, that is, His purposes will always be accomplished, and His promises always fulfilled, and His justice always served.

**Genesis 3:14–15**; **Isaiah 9:6**; **Galatians 4:4**

B. An act of redemption leading to the fulfillment of the law without which there would be no hope for our (Christians) salvation. (Only Christ could fulfill the demands of the law.)

**Matthew 5:17**; **Prov. 20:9; Psalm 19:12-13**

The law is a taskmaster. It tells us what we need to do but gives us no means or power to do as it demands.

We tend to presume upon the grace of God; I know what I’m doing is wrong, sinful, etc. but God is gracious, He understands.

**II. “...and dwelt among us...” (Note his hypostatic union)**

Ingressive or inceptive aorist. As the name implies, the emphasis of some aorist verbs may be on the **beginning of an action (dwelt—to pitch one’s tent)**

Christ came to stay with a purpose in mind.

He came to establish Himself as fully man and fully God in an insoluble union and eternal existence. He is in heaven this moment in the form of His earthly existence as fully man and fully God.

**III. “...and we beheld His glory, the glory of the only begotten of the Father....”**

A. His glory **was not obscured at all times** even though His human nature was His prominent expression while on earth.

 The divine glory flashed out in Christ from time to time, in His transfiguration (Luke 9:31; compare 2 Pet. 1:16, 17) and His miracles (John 2:11; 11:4, 40), but appeared also in His perfect life and character, in His fulfilment of the absolute idea of manhood. Trey Sermons performance against Northwestern 12.18.20

B. His existence as the God-Man coupled with His glory initiated a contemplative wonderment in the mind of those who knew Him.

**IV. “...full of grace and truth...”**

A. The Lord deals with sin and sinners in a gracious manner.

**Psalm 103:10–11**

B. The graciousness of our Lord is never expressed at the expense of truth.