

The First Baptist Church of Columbus

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T I T L E: GOD WITH US (PART 2)

T E X T: JOHN 1:1-3, 14

I. “...AND THE WORD BECAME FLESH...”

A. This phrase regarding the incarnation of Christ should be understood more in terms of personality than substance.

It was God, the preexistent Christ who took on human flesh with the intentions of providing the only means through which man could receive forgiveness of sin and the gift of eternal life.

The humanity of Christ, although significant in terms of theology and our understanding of God should not be viewed as a human being infused with deity.

B. This phrase should not be understood, even in a minute fashion, that the preexistent Christ gave up even one iota of His preexistent glory or deity, when He took on human flesh, that is, He remained fully God in all His deity although veiled at times because of His full humanity.

C. This phrase should also be understood that Christ (God) took upon Himself human flesh emphasizing the truth that He knew full well what it was like and/or what it meant to be human.

1. Christ is the ultimate sympathizer.... been there and done that....
2. Christ is the ultimate empathizer...
3. Christ is the consummate communicator.

II. “...AND DWELT AMONG US AND WE BEHELD HIS GLORY, THE GLORY AS THE ONLY BEGOTTEN FROM THE FATHER...”

- A. The disciples as well as others who were acquainted with Him and His behavior and actions especially His miracles did not divine His glory, nor infer it but saw it.
- B. Christ is the supreme embodiment of uniqueness in terms of humanity.

The only begotten of the Father...

There never has been anyone like Him before nor after. His relationship with the Father has not changed although He is now incarnate.

There was and is today a spiritual dullness that shrouds humanity as a result of the fall of man resulting in a refusal to believe in Christ without the drawing ministry of the Holy Spirit.

John 6:65 ---- And He was saying, “For this reason I have said to you, that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted him from the Father.”

There is a difference in unbelief because of a lack of evidence and unbelief simply despite the evidence.

III. “...FULL OF GRACE AND TRUTH...”

This is the character of God expressed in the incarnate God/Man whose name is Jesus Christ.

Conclusion: It has been said that Jesus Christ is God’s ideal man and man’s ideal God.