

WHY GOD BECAME FLESH

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John 1:1-4;9;12-14

1 In the beginning **was the Word**, and the Word was **with God**, and the Word **was God**. 2 He was with God in the beginning. 3 Through him **all things were made**: without him nothing was made that has been made. 4 In him was **life**, and that life was the **light of men**. 5-8 ... 9 The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world. 10-11 ... 12 ... to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become **children of God**- 13 children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. 14 The Word **became flesh** and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

JESUS: The Word Made Flesh

- Jesus **WAS** from the very beginning - Jesus **CREATED** all things
- Jesus was **WITH** God from the beginning - Jesus **IS** God
- Jesus became **FLESH** for our sake - Jesus is God with **SKIN** On

Why did God become flesh?

1. TO REVEAL GOD HIMSELF TO US

v. 14 The Word **became flesh** and made his dwelling among us. **We have seen his glory**, the glory of the one and Only, who came from the Father, full of **grace** and **truth**.

Matthew 1:23

"The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him **Immanuel**"-which means, "**God with us**."

- "God with us." We have seen **Who** God is.
- The **Glory** of God is revealed in the person of Jesus Christ.
- He has revealed His Great **Love** for Us.
- He has revealed His **Grace** and **Truth**.

2. TO FULFILL THE LAW (HIS HOLY & RIGHTEOUS STANDARD)

Proverbs 14:12

There is a way that **seems right to a man**, but in the end it **leads to death**.

As a people under the law, we need a **Savior** that fulfills and satisfies the law.

1 John 2:2

He is the **atonement sacrifice** for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

Christ did for us what we could not do for ourselves.

Romans 3:22-24

22 ... righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ **to all who believe**. There is no difference, 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and are **justified freely by his grace** through the **redemption that came by Christ Jesus**.

3. TO TEACH US HOW TO LIVE

v. 14 The Word **became flesh** and made his dwelling among us... [He was] full of grace and **truth**.

v. 4 In him was **life**, and that life was the **light of men**.

v. 9 The true light that **gives light to every man** was coming into the world.

John 8:12

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "**I am the light of the world**. Whoever follows me will **never walk in darkness**, but will have the light of life."

4. TO GIVE US VICTORY OVER THE STRUGGLES OF THIS WORLD

John 16:33

"... In this world **you will have trouble**. But take heart! **I have overcome the world**."

Hebrews 4:15-16

15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to **sympathize with our weaknesses**, but we have one who has been **tempted in every way**, just as we are-yet was without sin. 16 Let us then **approach the throne of grace with confidence**, so that we may receive mercy and find grace **to help us in our time of need**.

5. TO PROVIDE ETERNAL LIFE TODAY

John 3:16-17

16 "For **God so loved** the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 For **God** did not **send his Son** into the world to condemn the world, but **to save the world through him**.

He became an atoning sacrifice for those that call on His name

John 5:24

"I tell you the truth, whoever **hears my word** and **believes him who sent me has eternal life** and will not be condemned; he has **crossed over from death to life**.

Eternal life begins right NOW!

6. TO CHOOSE A PEOPLE THAT BRINGS HIM GLORY

v. 12 ... to all who **received him**, to those who **believed in his name**, he gave the right to become **children of God**-

1 Peter 2:9

But you are a **chosen** people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, **a people belonging to God**, that you may **declare the praises of him** who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

- Has God revealed Himself to you through Jesus Christ?
- Has He set you free from your sin and transformed your life?
- Are you living in victory over the trials of this world?
- Is your life bringing Him Honor and Glory?

If not, WHY?

THAT'S WHY GOD BECAME FLESH!!