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Emmanuel-

GOD WITH US

- by Kenneth Hagin

Incarnation:

The union of divinity with humanity in Jesus Christ.
-Webster's Seventh New Collegiate Dictionary

Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.
-Matthew 1:23

And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us...
-John 1:14

This Christmas season let us consider the subject of the Incarnation--the birth of Jesus, the preexistence of Jesus, the Deity of Jesus, the humanity of Jesus, the object of His coming. Too many times, folks simply look at the physical side of it and talk about His being born as a little babe when actually He preexisted with the Father from the beginning.

HIS PREEXISTENCE

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
-John 1:1

This Being, called Emmanuel (God with us), Jesus the Christ, the Word--this Being who became Incarnate, had a separate existence previous to His coming to the earth. He existed in the beginning--in eternity. This Eternal One was with God, with Him in fellowship and purpose, working with Him. God made the worlds through Him (Hebrews 1:2).

Christ, while He is facing crucifixion, remembers the glory which He had with the Father before the world was (John 17:3-5). The Bible plainly teaches us that He existed from all eternity.

The entire Gospel of John is based upon the fact that Jesus had a previous existence with the Father and that while He was walking the earth He remembered His experiences in the other world and spoke to the Father of these experiences and of when He would go back and take up again life with the Father.

In Micah we read a remarkable prophetic utterance of the preexistence of Christ and of His coming to the earth.

But thou, Beth-lehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.
-Micah 5:2

Here One is going to be born of the family of Judah to be ruler in Israel and His goings forth have been from old, from everlasting. He has traveled up and down through the eternities and has left His footprints on the ages.

HIS DEITY

Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God.
-Philippians 2:6

This eternal Being, who was in fellowship and companionship with God, was God. He possessed the same nature as God. He existed in the same form and on an equality with God.

I want to give you a number of divine names and titles ascribed to Him which prove that He is by nature divine and a member of the Godhead:

EMMANUEL(Matt. 1:23)...GOD(John 1:1)
LORD(Luke 19:34)...LORD OF ALL(Acts 10:36)...LORD OF GLORY(I Cor. 2:8)...
WONDERFUL, COUNSELLOR, MIGHTY GOD, EVERLASTING FATHER, PRINCE OF PEACE(Isaiah 9:6,7)...THE LORD'S CHRIST(Luke 2:26)...SON OF GOD (Romans 1:4)...HIS SON(John 3:16-18)...MY SON(Matt. 3:17)...ONLY BEGOTTEN SON (John 1:18)...ALPHA AND OMEGA, BEGINNING AND THE END, FIRST AND LAST(Rev. 22:13,16)...THE LORD (Acts 9:17)...SON OF THE HIGHEST(Luke 1:32) ...BREAD OF GOD(John 6:33)...HOLY ONE OF GOD(Mark 1:24)...THY HOLY CHILD JESUS(Acts 4:30)...KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS(Rev. 19:16)...LORD AND SAVIOUR(II Peter 3:2)...WORD OF GOD (Rev. 19:13)...

Divine attributes are ascribed to Him. This is clear in Philippians 2:5-11 where Paul speaks of Christ being in God's form and that He laid aside this form and limited His attributes and powers as God to become a man. Then after His earthly limitations, He had these powers given back to Him.

Divine offices are ascribed to Him:

CREATOR(Col. 1:16)...MEDIATOR(I Tim. 2:4,5)...HEAD OF THE CHURCH(Col. 1:16-24)...SAVIOUR(II Peter 3:2)...JUDGE (II Tim. 4:1)...PRESERVER(Heb. 1:1-3) LIFE-GIVER(John 10:28)...LORD AND CHRIST (Acts 2:36 ... RESURRECTION AND LIFE(John 11:25)...

Divine character is ascribed to Him. All ordinary men are sinners by nature, but Christ is not an ordinary man.

HOLY BY BIRTH(Luke 1:35) ... RIGHTEOUS(Isa. 53:11)...FAITHFUL(Isa. 11:5)... TRUTH(John 14:6)...JUST(John 5:30)... GUILTESS (I Peter 2:22) ... SINLESS (II Cor. 5:21)...SPOTLESS(I Peter 1:19) INNOCENT(Matt. 27:4)...HARMLESS(Heb. 7:26)...OBEDIENT TO GOD(Heb. 5:8-10) OBEDIENT TO EARTHLY PARENTS(Luke 2:51)...ZEALOUS(John 2:17)...MEEK(Matt.

11:29)...LOWLY IN HEART(Matt. 11:29)... MERCIFUL(Heb. 2:17)...PATIENT(Isa. 53:7)...LONG SUFFERING (I Tim. 1:16)... COMPASSIONATE (Matt. 15:32)...BENEVOLENT(Acts 10:38)...LOVING(John 15:13) SELF-DENYING(II Cor. 8:9)...HUMBLE (Phil. 2:5-11)...RESIGNED(Luke 22:42)... FORGIVING (Luke 23:34)...

HIS HUMANITY

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.
-John 1:14

This Being became flesh. He became Man and dwelt among us. He made His home among us and we beheld the Glory of God. He was the image of the invisible God Colossians 1:15 says.

When Christ became Man in the Incarnation, He became Man for eternity. He did not assume humanity as a garment to be worn for 33 years and then cast off and laid aside. He became Man to be a man forever. Today at the Father's right hand there is a man in Heaven as a result of the Incarnation.

For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.
I Timothy 2:5

The fact that it was possible for Deity and Humanity to become united in one individual for eternity reveals the place the first man, Adam, held in the plan of God our Father. He had created Adam in His own image--just a shade lower than Himself. Man had been created so nearly like God that it was possible for God and Man to become united eternally in one individual. God can dwell in these human bodies of ours. God can impart His life and nature to our spirits and dwell in our human bodies.

THE OBJECT OF HIS COMING

And she shall bring forth a son and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.
-Matthew 1:21

It has been our tendency when we think of Christ coming to the earth as a man to dwell upon His self-denial, His sufferings in coming to earth from Glory. Yet, as we know Him better we believe that it was a joy to Him who so loved Man and so

desired Man's fellowship to dwell on earth among men that He might give to alienated Man, who had never known his Creator, a true conception of Him.

How clearly Christ revealed and appreciated this phase of His mission. John said of Him, "No man has seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him." (John 1:18)

How different was His life from the lives of the greatest philosophers and religious teachers before Him. They had come as seekers of the truth, He came as the revelation of the truth. He said, "I am the way, the truth, the light..." (John 14:6)

He revealed the Creator to be a God of love, a holy God who could be approached. Publicans and sinners drew near to Him and were pleased to sit and eat with Him. They weren't afraid of His holiness, they were drawn by His love. Children sat upon His knee.

Here was One who showed by His life and words what the heart back of the universe is like. We know now His attitude toward us because He dwelt among us as a man. God is like Christ. The heart of the Creator is like the heart that broke on the cross.

The object of the Incarnation was that man might be given the right to become a child of God (John 1:12).

Man could only become a child of God by receiving the nature of God, therefore Christ came that man might receive eternal life (John 10:10). Man could receive eternal life only after he had been legally redeemed from Satan's authority (Col. 1:13-14).

Genesis 3 gives us Adam's sin of high treason and Rom. 5:12-21 reveals that the human race has been identified with Adam in his transgression. Death entered Adam and passed upon all men; physical death, spiritual death, the nature of Satan.

We were identified with Adam. Christ came and took upon Himself man's sinful nature. He identified Himself with man's sin nature. That is the object of His coming.

If the lordship of Satan over the human was due to the identification of humanity with Adam and his crime of high treason, it is legally possible for the works of Satan to be destroyed by the identification of the human race with the Son of God, the Second Adam.

The revelation that Paul received in II Cor. 5:21 is that God actually made Him to become sin for us. He not only bore our sins but the sin-nature itself was laid upon Him until He became all that spiritual death had made men. In the mind of God it is not Christ who hung on the cross but it is the human race. So, each one of us may say with Paul, "I was crucified with Christ."

The following passage is a direct translation from the Hebrew into English as taken from the Jewish Bible:

Surely, our diseases he did bare and our pains he carried; Whereas we did esteem him stricken and smitten of God and afflicted but he was wounded for our transgressions, he was crushed because of our iniquities, the chastisement of our welfare was upon him and with his stripes we were healed. All we like sheep have gone astray, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all...By oppression and judgment, he was taken away and as for his generation who did reason, and he was caught up out of the land of the living for the transgression of thy people to whom the stroke was due. Isaiah 53:4-6,8

The judgment, the stroke, was due Man, but it fell upon Him because they had become one. He died under our judgment and we died with Him. He paid our penalty.

And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. -Matthew 1:21

That's why Jesus came!



May God bless you and may the fact of redemption and the reality of His coming be made real in your spirit at Christmas time and throughout the year.

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