

SEACOAST CHURCH

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● There are few truths in the Bible that inspire more awe and wonder than God coming to earth in the [form of a baby](#).

● The truth of the incarnation of Christ is a biblical belief you need to [own](#). You need to know it, understand it and be able to explain it.

● Definition: Incarnation is that act of [grace](#) whereby Christ took our human nature into [union](#) with His Divine Person and became [human](#).

The Importance of the Incarnation.

■ The incarnation should be the [focus](#) of a Christian Christmas celebration.

■ The incarnation is [neglected](#) by some and [attacked](#) by others.

- ◆ There are those who have sought to handle the mystery of the incarnation by sacrificing either the [deity](#) of Christ or His [humanity](#).
- ◆ The biblical teaching of the incarnation gives us a benchmark to determine [departure from truth](#). [1 John 4:1-3](#)

■ The doctrine of the incarnation is frequently the point of departure for those who reject the Christian faith.

- ◆ The [uniqueness](#) of the Christian faith is directly related to the biblical teaching that God came in the flesh.

■ The purposes of the incarnation:

- ◆ To [reveal God](#) to men. [Hebrews 1:1-3](#)
- ◆ To [redeem](#) fallen man. [Galatians 4:4-5](#)
- ◆ God's initial & ultimate purpose is that we will [reign](#) over His creation. [Genesis 1:26](#)

■ Jesus' current ministry has greater meaning because of the incarnation. [1 Timothy 2:5-6](#)

- ◆ Jesus is our [advocate](#). [1 John 2:1](#)
- ◆ His current [high priestly](#) role has special relevance to us because He came in the flesh, making Him a compassionate and understanding advocate and source of strength and [encouragement](#): [Hebrews 2:17-18; 4:14-16](#)

Implications of the Incarnation

■ Incarnation is a principle which applies to [every Christian](#).

- ◆ God has not only chosen to reveal Himself in Jesus, but also through the godly lives of [His children](#). [John 17:18; 2 Corinthians 3:2-3; 4:7,10](#)

■ [You](#) are the incarnation for Christmas this year!

- ◆ If you belong to Christ, He [lives in you](#). [Colossians 1:27](#)
- ◆ We are called to [incarnational living](#).

[For nothing is impossible with God. Luke 1:37](#)

Next Week: *"Christmas Connections"*

