

INTRODUCTION

- * Advent - a time to reflect upon the wonder upon the incarnation!
- * As the resurrection of Christ is the climax and core of the gospel message, so the incarnation is the foundation and strength of gospel message.
- * 1 Timothy 3:16 "And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh (the incarnation), justified in the Spirit, seen by angels, preached among the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up in glory (the resurrection)."
- * During this advent season we will be considering the impact of the incarnation upon our lives through a thematic study of John's first epistle.
- * Last week we considered the impact of the incarnation upon the revelation of God. In that study, we saw that the validity of our testimony is contingent upon the veracity of God's testimony!
- * Truly all of our "faith" (doctrine) and "practice" (works) are intricately tied to the revelation of God in His word!
- * Probably the most important of those truths in our relationship with God is: The Redemption of Man. Interestingly, it this thought John brings up first and intertwines into the three aspects of our reflection of Christ.

INSTRUCTION**I. THE PR _____ OF S _____**

A. The Universal N _____ of Man's Sin (cf. 1:8-10; Romans 3:23; 5:12; 2:12-16; 1 John 3:4-5)

B. The Universal C _____ of Man's Sin (cf. Romans 5:12; 6:23; Revelation 20:11-15)

II. THE PR _____ OF C _____

A. He P _____ The P _____ of S _____

1. THE S _____ OF CHRIST (cf. 3:5; Hebrews 2:16-18; 4:15; 7:26-27; 1 Pet 1:17-19)

2. THE S _____ OF CHRIST (cf. 1 John 3:16; 4:-10; 4:14)

B. He D _____ The P _____ of S _____ (cf. 3:8; Hebrews 2:14-15; Mark 1:23-26)

INTROSPECTION

- * HAVE YOU ACCEPTED GOD'S FREE GIFT OF SALVATION?
- * IF SO, HAVE YOU ONLY TREATED HIS PRECIOUS SACRIFICE AS "CHEAP FIRE INSURANCE"?
- OR ... HAVE YOU APPROPRIATED THE RESULTS OF CHRIST'S DESTRUCTION OF THE POWER OF SATAN?
- IN WHAT AREA OF YOUR LIFE DO YOU NEED TO BEGIN TO APPROPRIATE THAT POWER MORE?
- * IS THERE A NEED TO "CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK" ... AND, THEREFORE, ACT?