

Christian Students Association Bible Study

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GOD COMING TO BE INCARNATED THAT MAN MAY RECEIVE HIM AS GRACE AND REALITY TO BE MAN'S LIFE

- I. God came to be incarnated that man may receive Him as grace and reality to be his life. (John 1:1, 3, 4, 14, 16; 10:10b; 14:6; Rom. 8:10; Gal. 2:20; Col. 3:4)
 - A. God was incarnated in order that He might dispense Himself into us as life.
 - B. In order for us to enjoy Him and to gain Him, God must be our life.
 - C. John 1:1 says, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." Verse 3 says that "all things came into being through Him." Then verse 4 says, "In Him was life, and the life was the light of men."
 - D. John 1:14 says, "The Word became flesh and tabernacled among us...full of grace and reality." Joining the preceding verses with verse 14, we can see that God as the Word became flesh to bring grace and reality to us. To have grace and reality is to have God as life.
 - E. John 1 is a marvelous chapter because in it God as the Word (v. 1) coming in incarnation is combined with grace and reality (v. 14) to be our life (v. 4).
 - F. Then verse 16 says, "Of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace." All these verses indicate that God's incarnation was to bring Himself into us, that is, to dispense Himself into us, as our life.

Romans 8:10 says, "But **if Christ is in you**, though the body is dead because of sin, **the spirit is life** because of righteousness.

Colossians 3:4 says, "When **Christ our life** is manifested, then you also will be manifested with Him in glory.

Galatians 2:20 says, "I am crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is **Christ who lives in me**; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

- II. Jesus Christ came as life that man may have the divine life and have it abundantly. (John 10:10b)
 - A. Christ's coming to man was by incarnation. He did not simply descend to the earth from the heavens and declare that He was life to man. This would not have worked.
 - B. Jesus had to come through incarnation through the womb of a virgin, because He had to die for our sins. In order to die for our sins, He had to shed His blood (Heb. 9:22); therefore, He needed a body of blood and flesh.
 - C. Through incarnation the Lord Jesus obtained a body of blood and flesh in order to accomplish redemption. However, His coming through incarnation was not only to save us from our sins but also that He might be life to us.
 - D. In John 10:10b the Lord Himself said that He came that man may have life and may have it abundantly. Christ came as life and resurrection (14:6; 11:25). Thus, when He came, life came, and when we receive Him, we have life (1 John 5:11-12).

John 10:10b says, ". . . **I have come that they may have life** and may have it abundantly."

John 11:25 says, "Jesus said to her, **I am the resurrection and the life**; he who believes into Me, even if he should die, shall live;"

1 John 5:11-12 say, "And this is the testimony, that **God gave to us eternal life and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life**; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life."