

## INTRODUCTION.

- A. Scripture text: **John 1:1-14**. Taken from Claude Flynn; Montgomery, AL.
- B. One of the most exciting doctrines of the Bible is the doctrine of the incarnation (Mt. 1:23). God entered human events in the form of a man with a redemptive purpose.
- C. The reasons for the incarnation are also an exciting study. Why did God become man?

## TEN REASONS WHY THE WORD BECAME FLESH.

- A. To **reveal God to man** (Jn. 1:18; 14:8).  
(**Jn 1:18**) No man has seen God at any time; the only begotten God, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained Him.  
(**Jn 14:8**) Philip said<sup>^</sup> to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us."
- B. To **show man his true worth** (Job 7:7; Psalms 8:4; Genesis 1:26).  
(**Gen 1:26**) Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."  
(**Job 7:7**) "Remember that my life is but breath, My eye will not again see good."  
(**Psa 8:4**) What is man, that Thou dost take thought of him? And the son of man, that Thou dost care for him?
- C. To **have a High Priest with whom we can identify** (Heb. 4:15-16).  
(**Heb 4:15,16**) For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin. **16** Let us therefore draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and may find grace to help in time of need.
- D. To **manifest God's great love for man** (Jn. 3:16; Romans 5:8).  
(**Jn 3:16**) "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life."  
(**Rom 5:8**) But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.
- E. To **pay the redemption price** (Eph. 1:7; Isaiah 53:4-5).  
(**Isa 53:4,5**) Surely our griefs He Himself bore, And our sorrows He carried; Yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, Smitten of God, and afflicted. **5** But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed.  
(**Eph 1:7**) In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace,
- F. To **set an example for righteous living** (1Peter 2:21).  
For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps,
- G. To **give us an abundant life** (Jn. 10:10).  
"The thief comes only to steal, and kill, and destroy; I came that they might have life, and might have it abundantly."
- H. To **seek and save the lost** (Luke 19:10).  
"For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."
- I. To **conquer death** (Heb. 2:14-15).  
Since then the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil; **15** and might deliver those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives.
- J. To **extend God's wonderful invitation** (Mt. 11:28; Revelation 22:17).  
(**Mt 11:28**) "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest."  
(**Rev 22:17**) And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who wishes take the water of life without cost.

## CONCLUSION AND INVITATION.

- A. Each one of these 10 things mentioned are sermons in and of themselves.
- B. The word became flesh, and because He did all these things, we truly can behold His glory!
- C. May we respond to His grace and truth (Jn. 1:17).

For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ.

D. Plan of salvation for non-Xians; for erring Xians.