



MAJOR BIBLE THEMES

GOD THE SON: HIS INCARNATION

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HOMEWORK: READ CHAP 9
ANSWER QUESTIONS: 1,3, 7, 9



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1. WHAT IS THE INCARNATION ?

- NEITHER THE NOUN (INCARNATION) OR THE ADJECTIVE (INCARNATE)
APPEAR IN THE NEW TESTAMENT (N.T)
- 'INCARNATION' IS A LATIN TERM - THE GREEK EQUIVALENT IS FOUND IN THE N.T
EXAMPLE: LATIN : "IN CARNE"= IN FLESH - (INCARNATION / INCARNATE)
GREEK: "EN SARKI" = IN FLESH
- THE INCARNATION IS DEFINED AS THE LORD JESUS CHRIST(WHO IS ETERNAL,
WHO IS GOD, WHO IS THE SECOND PERSON OF THE TRINITY) BECOMING FLESH
 - GOD IN THE FLESH - JN 1:1, 14
 - 100% MAN & 100% GOD (HYPOSTATIC UNION) - HEB 1:3
 - THE SON BECAME FLESH FOR ALL ETERNITY - ACTS 1:9-11



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2. WHAT DOES FLESH MEAN ?

"FLESH" HAS SEVERAL USAGES, IT MAY BE POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE
& CAN BE SUMMARIZED IN 3 MAJOR CATEGORIES:

1. WITH REFERENCE TO THE MATERIAL (THE BODY)

- THE PHYSICAL BODY - ACTS 2:30-31; EPH 5:28-29
- THE FLESH THAT IS ATTACHED TO THE BONE - GEN 17:11; LU 24:39

2. WITH REFERENCE TO THE MATERIAL & IMMATERIAL

- "INFIRMITY OF THE FLESH" - ROM 6:19
- "FLESH & BLOOD" (FRAIL & FEEBLE MAN) - GAL 1:16; EPH 6:12
- "THE WORD BECAME FLESH" - JN 1:1,14
- "THE LIFE I NOW LIVE IN THE FLESH" - GAL 2:20

3. WITH REFERENCE TO THE IMMATERIAL

- "LUSTS OF THE FLESH" - GAL 5:16-17
- "IN THE FLESH - CANNOT PLEASE GOD" - ROM 8:8



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3. WHAT IS THE NATURE OF CHRIST'S INCARNATION ?

WHEN THE WORD BECAME FLESH:

JN 1:1,14

- HIS DEITY WAS NOT ABANDONED - HEB 1:8
- HIS DEITY WAS NOT REDUCED OR DIMINISHED IN ANY WAY - HEB 1:8
- HE EMPTIED HIMSELF (NOT OF HIS DEITY BUT OF HIS OUTWARD GLORY) - PHIL 2:7; MT 17:1-5
- HE BECAME POOR (IMPOVERISHED HIMSELF - OF HIS OUTWARD GLORY) - 2 COR 3:9
- HE WAS MADE LOWER THAN THE ANGELS (PRE-CROSS HUMANITY) - HEB 2:9
- HE BECAME SO MUCH BETTER THAN THE ANGELS (POST-RESURRECTION HUMANITY) - HEB 1:4-8
- THE "ANGEL OF THE LORD" (O.T) NEVER APPEARS IN N.T - CHRIST IS THE ANGEL OF THE LORD
- HE NEVER CEASED TO EXERCISE HIS DIVINE FUNCTIONS:
 - BY HIM ALL THINGS CONSIST (STAND OR HELD TOGETHER) - COL 1:17
 - HE UPHOLDS (BEARS) ALL THINGS BY THE WORD OF HIS POWER - HEB 1:3
 - HE IS THE OUTRAYING OF THE FATHER'S GLORY - HEB 1:3
 - HE IS THE EXPRESS IMAGE OF THE FATHER - HEB 1:3



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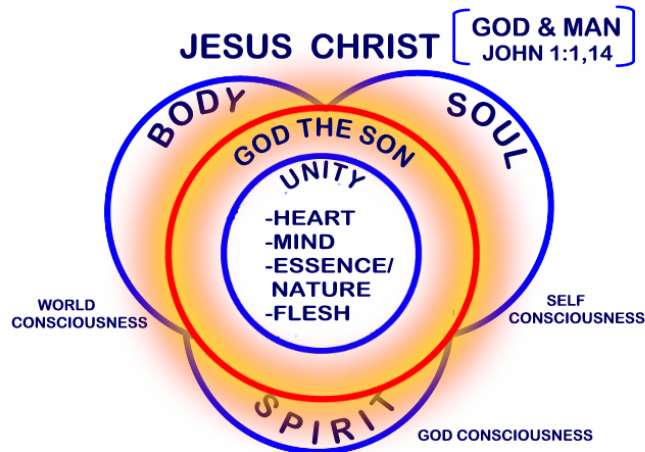
JN 1:1,14

- HE CAME IN THE LIKENESS OF SINFUL FLESH - ROM 8:3
 - THE LIKENESS (RESEMBLANCE) : HE IS TRUE HUMANITY
 - HE WAS BORN OF A WOMAN - GAL 4:4
 - HE WAS BORN UNDER THE LAW - GAL 4:4
 - HE PARTOOK OF FLESH AND BLOOD - HEB 2:14
 - HE WAS FULLY MAN - BODY, SOUL & SPIRIT - MT 26:38; JN 13:21; 1 JN 4:2
 - HE BECAME THE MAN CHRIST JESUS - 1 TIM 2:5
 - THE DIFFERENCE : HE WAS SINLESS HUMANITY
 - HE KNEW (EXPERIENCED) NO SIN - 2 COR 5:21
 - HE DID NOT SIN (THOUGHT, WORD OR DEED) - 1 PET 2:22
 - HE WAS TEMPTED BUT WITHOUT SIN - HEB 4:15
 - THE JUST (RIGHTEOUS ONE) - 1 PET 3:18
 - HE COULD NOT SIN - 1 JN 3:5; JAS 1:13
- HE CONTINUED FELLOWSHIP WITH THE FATHER AND DID HIS WILL - JN 5:19,30
- THE FULLNESS OF THE GODHEAD DWELT IN HIM BODILY - COL 2:9



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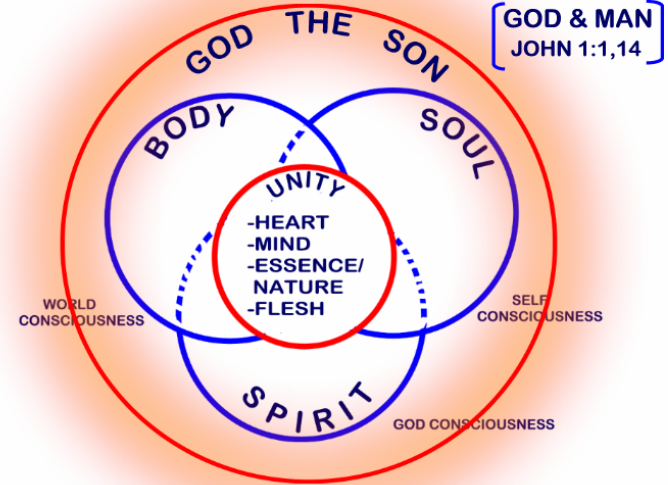
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JESUS CHRIST TRANSFIGURED - MT 17:1-5





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WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE INCARNATION ?

THIS CAN ONLY BE ANSWERED BY UNDERSTANDING GOD'S ETERNAL PURPOSE

• **GOD'S ETERNAL PURPOSE:**

1. **TO DECLARE HIS GLORY**

2. **TO SHARE HIS GLORY**

- GOD CREATED MAN TO SHARE HIS GLORY FOR ETERNAL FELLOWSHIP - GEN 1:26,27
- ADAM'S SIN CAUSED SEPARATION & CONDEMNATION FOR ALL MANKIND - ROM 5:12-18
- MAN'S SIN COULD ONLY BE PAID FOR BY A SINLESS MAN (CHRIST) - HEB 10:1-12
- GOD IS SATISFIED WITH CHRIST'S EFFICACIOUS WORK ON THE CROSS - 1 JN 2:2; 4:10
- OUR DELIVERENCE FROM SEPARATION & CONDEMNATION IS BY FAITH IN THE PERSON & WORK OF CHRIST - ACTS 16:30,31; EPH 2:8,9
- AT THE MOMENT OF BELIEF GOD MAKES US ALIVE TO HIM & RECREATES US IN CHRIST WHO SHARES HIS GLORY WITH US (OUR POSITION IN HIM) - 1 JN 4:9; 2 COR 5:17; JN 17:22
- WE SHARE CHRIST'S VERY LIFE & GLORY NOW AS WE ABIDE IN HIM - COL 3:1-4; JN 15:5

3. **TO REVEAL HIS GLORY**

4. **TO BE GLORIFIED**

- **QUESTION: ISN'T THE LORD WONDROUS & MAGNIFICENT IN HOW HE HAS PURPOSED TO SHARE CHRIST'S VERY GLORY WITH YOU & ME ?**