

## CHRISTMAS SERIES

### "IN THE FULNESS OF THE TIME...GOD SENT FORTH JESUS"

#### PART TWO

### "IN THE FULNESS OF THE TIME...GOD SENT FORTH JESUS WITH

#### PURPOSE"

#### JOHN 1:1-18

**INTRO:** In the last study of our Christmas Series we noted that **IN THE FULNESS OF THE TIME GOD SENT FORTH JESUS WITH PRECISION**. In that study we learned that everything God did in the incarnation of Christ had great precision in that God had A PRECISE TIME, A PRECISE SON, A PRECISE WOMAN, and A PRECISE PURPOSE. **IN OUR STUDY TODAY from John 1:1-18 we are going to note that IN THE FULNESS OF THE TIME GOD SENT FORTH JESUS WITH PURPOSE. WHAT WAS THAT PURPOSE?** In reality, we could list a number of things. But BIBLICALLY SPEAKING, all of those things can be placed into one purpose: **GOD SENT JESUS CHRIST INTO THE WORLD TO DECLARE HIM**. Yes, God's purpose for the INCARNATION was to **DECLARE HIS ALL THAT HE IS THROUGH JESUS CHRIST**.

**NOTE:** John 1:1-8 is actually the PROLOGUE OF THE GOSPEL OF JOHN in which is revealed MANY things about Jesus Christ. In fact, within the PROLOGUE, we actually have a SUMMARY of what the ENTIRE BOOK OF JOHN says about Jesus Christ. Many Bible scholars believe the PROLOGUE was written AFTER John wrote the Body of the Book. But take note of what the first 18 verses of the Gospel teaches about Jesus Christ that are elaborated on later on in the book:

- 1) Jesus is the Eternal God, the Creator of All things - Vss. 1-3: **Cp. 8:58**
- 2) Jesus is the Source of Life - Vs. 4a: **Cp. 5:26; 10:10**
- 3) Jesus is the Light of the World - Vss. 4b-9: **Cp. 9:5**
- 4) Jesus was rejected by many - Vss. 10,11: **Cp. 5:43**
- 5) Jesus was received by some - Vs. 12: **Cp. 4:39-42**
- 6) Jesus has the message of the New Birth - Vs. 12: **Cp: 3:3,5,7,15**
- 7) Jesus Shares Glory with the Father - Vs. 14: **Cp. 17:5**
- 8) Jesus is the Revealer of God's Grace - Vs. 17a: **Cp: 8:1-11**
- 9) Jesus is the Revealer of God's Truth - Vs. 17b: **Cp: 14:6**

**QUESTION: WHAT WAS THE MAIN PURPOSE FOR THE FATHER SENDING THE SON INTO THE WORLD?**

**ANSWER: TO DECLARE THE FATHER TO THE WORLD - VS. 18**

#### A COMMENTARY ON VERSE 18

1) "NO MAN HATH SEEN GOD AT ANY TIME"

- Divine revelations were seen in the form of light, fire and great works in the OT but God's DIRECT PERSON was not seen.

- Visions, theophanies (a unique temporary appearance of God), angelic appearances were given to OT Prophets but none saw God in His fullness -Exodus 33:20
- 2) "THE ONLY BEGOTTEN SON"
    - Literally: **"MONOGENES THEOS"** - "THE ONLY BEGOTTEN GOD"
    - This is a statement of the COMPLETE DEITY of Christ - **JESUS IS THE UNIQUE, ONE AND ONLY GOD**.
  - 3) "IN THE BOSOM OF THE FATHER"
    - Literally: **"ON THE FATHER'S BOSOM"** - indicating the highest form of love and fellowship with the Father, showing **complete ONENESS with the Father in essence, counsel and affection**.
  - 4) "HE HATH DECLARED HIM"
    - Literally **"HE EXEGETED HIM"** that is Christ INTERPRETED the Father to the human race. **JESUS CHRIST REVEALED, TAUGHT, AND EXEMPLIFIED all we need to know about the Father**.

### **I. THE PURPOSE OF JESUS WAS TO BE THE REVEALER OF THE FATHER**

- A. Jesus Revealed what was Known of the Father but in a Clearer Light
  1. The Father's Truth - **Through Jesus' teaching**.  
Cp. Psalm 146:6 with John 1:14
  2. The Father's Grace - **Through Jesus' actions**.  
Cp. Psalm 84:11 with Titus 2:11
  3. The Father's Love - **Through Jesus' death on the Cross**  
Cp. Jeremiah 31:3 with Romans 5:8
- B. Jesus Revealed what was NOT Known of the Father in Perfect Light
  1. The Way to the Father - John 14:6
  2. The Worship of the Father - John 4:21-24
  3. The Wonders of the Father
    - a. The Wonder of the Holy Spirit - John 14:16,17,26
    - b. The Wonder of Adoption - Romans 8:15-17
    - c. The Wonder of Salvation - Acts 4:12

### **II. THE PURPOSE OF JESUS WAS TO BE THE PERFECT REVEALER OF THE FATHER**

- A. Jesus Perfectly Revealed the Father through His Character
  - The Father is without Sin and so is Jesus - 1 Peter 2:22
- B. Jesus Perfectly Revealed the Father through His Union
  - The Father and the Son are One - John 10:27-30
- C. Jesus Perfectly Revealed the Father through His Witness
  - The Father was made known through Jesus - John 17:6-8

### **III. THE PURPOSE OF JESUS WAS TO BE THE ONLY PERFECT REVEALER OF THE FATHER**

- A. Only Jesus knew the Father from Eternity Past
- B. Only Jesus experienced glory with Father in Eternity Past

NO ONE ELSE COULD HAVE PERFECTLY DECLARED THE FATHER  
OTHER THAN JESUS...AND HE DID IT PERFECTLY

LESSON/APPLICATION

- 1) We MUST hold Jesus in the highest esteem as the Father's Revealer!
- 2) We MUST exalt the Father for all He has done for us through Jesus!