

“IT IS ALL ABOUT CHRIST”

A CHRISTMAS SERIES

TEXT: COLOSSIANS 1:12-19

PART FOUR

“THE POWER OF THE INCARNATION OF CHRIST”

INTRO: Over the last month we have been involved in a series for Christmas entitled “IT IS ALL ABOUT CHRIST.” Even though the emphasis of the series has had a CHRISTMAS CONNECTION so as to prevent us from falling into a SECULAR ATTITUDE toward Christmas, in reality **OUR ENTIRE LIFE SHOULD BE ALL ABOUT CHRIST. IS YOUR'S? IS MINE?** So far in the series we have studied the PRE-EXISTENCE OF CHRIST BEFORE HIS INCARNATION, THE PROPHECIES OF CHRIST BEFORE HIS INCARNATION, THE PURPOSE OF CHRIST IN HIS INCARNATION, but today as we wrap the series up we shall study THE POWER OF CHRIST IN HIS INCARNATION. This is very significant because **IT IS THE DIVINE POWER OF CHRIST IN THE INCARNATION THAT ENABLES THE INCARNATION TO BE ALL THAT GOD HAS INTENDED IT TO BE! WITHOUT THE DIVINE POWER OF OUR GOD, THERE WOULD BE NO INCARNATION, NO SALVATION AND NO CHRISTMAS TO CELEBRATE!**

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OBSERVATIONS ABOUT THE POWER OF GOD

- 1) God is ALL-POWERFUL = “OMNIPOTENT.”
- 2) God's Power is reflected in every aspect of the Incarnation of Christ.
- 3) God's Power CANNOT be mimicked by anyone because He is the MOST POWERFUL ONE IN ETERNITY AND THE WHOLE UNIVERSE.
- 4) God's Power ALONE planned, prepared and produced the Incarnation of Christ.
- 5) God's Power observed in biblical and world history WILL LEAD us NOT TO DOUBT any aspect of the Incarnation of Christ. Consider:
 - The Power of God created the Universe out of nothing.
 - The Power of God has kept His Word preserved and free from error.
 - The Power of God has fulfilled prophecy to every last detail.
 - The Power of God changes a person from Spiritual Death to Spiritual Life.

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WHEN WE ARE SPEAKING OF THE POWER OF THE INCARNATION OF CHRIST, WE ARE RECOGNIZING THE POWER OF GOD THAT EXALTS HIM ABOVE ALL THINGS THROUGHOUT EVERY ASPECT OF ETERNITY.

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I. THE POWER OF GOD IN THE INCARNATION OF CHRIST PRODUCED THE DIVINE CONCEPTION – Luke 1:34, 35

- A. The Personal Question of Mary – Vs. 34
“HOW SHALL THIS BE, SEEING I KNOW NOT A MAN?”
 - Mary knew this was humanly impossible!
- B. The Powerful Answer from the Angel Gabriel – Vs. 35
THE CLEAREST STATEMENT OF THE VIRGIN BIRTH IN SCRIPTURE!
 1. “The Holy Ghost shall come Upon thee.”
 - The unique Presence of the Holy Spirit as only seen in Creation.
 2. “The Power of the Highest shall Overshadow thee.”
 - The unique Power of the Holy Spirit in over-riding human conception.
 3. “That Holy Thing which shall be Born of Thee shall be Called the Son of God”
 - The unique Person of God resulting from the conception.

II. THE POWER OF GOD IN THE INCARNATION PRODUCED A CHAIN OF MIRACLES – LUKE 1:35-37

A. That God took on the Nature of a Man and Still Remained God. This is called “THE HYPOSTATIC UNION.” THIS IS MIRACULOUS!
“THAT GOD THE SON COULD TAKE UPON HIMSELF THE FULL NATURE OF MAN, AND YET RETAIN THE FULL NATURE OF GOD IS MIRACULOUS. THE BIBLE DECLARES THAT JESUS WAS AS MUCH GOD AS IF HE WAS NEVER MAN, AND AS MUCH MAN AS IF HE WAS NEVER GOD.”

-Harold Wilmington

B. That a Human Body could be Conceived within a Mother's Womb without an Earthly Father. THIS IS MIRACULOUS!

C. That the Life of Christ was filled with “signs and wonders” including His Death, Burial and Resurrection. THIS IS MIRACULOUS!

ILLUSTRATION:

III. THE POWER OF GOD IN THE INCARNATION PRODUCED A PERFECT UNION BETWEEN GOD AND MAN. JOHN 1:14; PHILIPPIANS 2:5-8

A. In the O.T. Man is made in the Image of God – Genesis 1:26

B. In the N. T. God was made in the Image of Man – Philippians 2:7

ILLUSTRATION:

IV. THE POWER OF GOD IN THE INCARNATION PRODUCED A PERFECT SACRIFICE FOR SIN – HEBREWS 10:1-5

-The Incarnation Provided a Body for Sacrifice

ILLUSTRATION:

V. THE POWER OF GOD IN THE INCARNATION PRODUCED A PERSONAL SALVATION – HEBREWS 10:10-14

A. In His Body Christ Performed One Sacrifice for Sins forever – Vss. 10-12

B. In His Body Christ Performed One Offering for Sanctification forever – Vs.14

ILLUSTRATION:

VI. THE POWER OF GOD IN THE INCARNATION PRODUCED A PERPETUAL BODY FOR CHRIST – 1 JOHN 3:2; REVELATION 1:7

-The Body Christ received at the incarnation, which was glorified after His resurrection; will last for all of eternity!

A. His Body will be seen in the Rapture – 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

B. His Body will be seen at the Judgment Seat of Christ – 2 Corinthians 5:10

C. His Body will be seen when Christ returns to Earth – Revelation 19:11-16

D. His Body will be seen at the Great White Throne Judgment – Revelation 20:11

E. His Body will be seen by believers throughout Eternity – Revelation 22:4

ILLUSTRATION:

CONCLUSION: The DIVINE POWER that was at work in the INCARNATION OF CHRIST is the same DIVINE POWER that we should allow to work in us every day of our lives, WITHOUT EXCEPTION!

LESSON: Christmas is all about Christ! Christ came into the world to provide a clear picture of God and a perfect salvation for mankind. Have you allowed Christ to come into YOUR LIFE and provide salvation for you so that you can in turn see the Glory of God at work personally according to His mighty power?

-If you have, give God the honor, praise and service He deserves.

-If you have not, do so now!