

## Series - Advent - The Perfection of Christmas

### The Perfect Plan - Galatians 4:4-7 and Philippians 2:5-11

**Incarnation** - God became a man - "The how is inscrutable, the why is incomprehensible, the fact is undeniable." Shepard

#### Review - The Perfect time.

*Historically* - one government, language, open travel

*Intellectually* - high ideas but little hope of fulfillment

*Morally* - bankrupt and corrupt, 2/3 slaves, life not valued

*Religiously* - Pagan gods little real help - Judaism gave hope

*God's perfect time* - in the right (fullness) of time

#### Three vital facts

### I. God sent forth His Son

**A. God's plan** - His initiative

**B. Sent forth** - did not create

3 times in New Testament - used of sending the Holy Spirit

**C. Jesus was fully God from the beginning of time**

Creator - **John 1:1-3**

Sustainer of life - **Hebrews 1:3**

Eternal - **1 John 1:2**

Forgiver of sin - **Colossians 3:13**

**D. Natural Son in contrast to us** - adopted sons

*Conclusion - Jesus was fully God*

### II. Born of a woman

**A. Born** - "to become", to be made

Conceived of the Holy Spirit - **Luke 1:35**

Was born naturally (He cried, was hungry etc.)

**B. He "became"**

Flesh - **John 1:14**

The likeness (essence) of man **Philippians 2:7**

Obedient (even unto death) **Philippians 2:8**

A curse for us **Galatians 3:13**

Sin for us (not His) **2 Corinthians 5:21**

**C. He lived as a man**

Natural human - hunger, thirst, weary

Normal emotions - loved, wept

Normal looks - (Judas had to point him out)

*Conclusion - Jesus was fully man*

### III. Born under the law

**A. He was subject to the Jewish laws**

Dedicated to God, circumcised on 8<sup>th</sup> day

Attended Synagogue

**B. He was subject to moral law**

His baptism was a fulfillment of righteousness **Matthew 3:15**

He went about doing good **Acts 10:38**

**C. He was subject to the law of God**

God is a Holy God and cannot allow sin in Heaven

The law demands a payment

- the shedding of blood **Hebrews 9:22**

- the blood of animal is not sufficient **Hebrews 10:4**

- Jesus offered Himself as the sacrifice **Hebrews 9:26**

*Conclusion - Jesus fulfilled the law*

### Why did He come as a human?

**1. To really know us** **Hebrews 4:14-16**

He knows our weaknesses

He was tempted as we all - but with sin

**2. To show us the Father** **2 Corinthians 4:4**

**3. To do the will of the Father** **John 4:34, 6:38**

To destroy the work of the Devil **1 John 3:8**

To deliver us from sin **Galatians 1:4**

To die in our place **Romans 5:8**

### How should we respond?

**1. By Faith confess Christ as Lord of your life.**

**Romans 10:9-10**

**2. In Confidence come boldly to His throne**

**Hebrews 4:15-16**

**3. With joy proclaim His birth**

**Romans 15:13**