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GOD IN THE FLESH (PART ONE)

Lesson 15A

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In this lesson we will prove Jesus Christ is God in the flesh. We shall review the evidence for the deity of Jesus Christ, by looking at His testimony, the testimony of others concerning the deity of Jesus Christ, and the resurrection of Jesus Christ as it relates to His deity.

There is one God, eternally existent as *the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost, and these three are one* (1 John 5:7). We have stated that Jesus Christ is, was and forever shall be God *manifest in the flesh* according to 1 Timothy 3:16.

Apart from those two statements the Bible has numerous places where it sets forth the absolute fact that Jesus Christ is God.

Let us first consider the incarnation. "Carne" means meat or flesh, as in carnivorous (flesh-eating), carnival (entertaining the flesh), carnal (fleshly-minded); all pertaining to the flesh. The incarnation means that God came to earth in a body of flesh.

We want to examine the evidences of the deity of Jesus Christ, that we might gain some understanding of this combination of God and man.

We first must look into Jesus Christ's own claim to deity.

The Old Testament prophets had often foretold the coming of a Messiah-Savior this Saviour is God. Isaiah 45:21; Isaiah 49:26. In Isaiah 9:6-7 *For unto us a child is horn, unto us a son is given: and the government shall he upon his shoulder: and his name shall he called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall he no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.*

The Bible says that a child was to be born and this child would be the mighty God. This child would be the everlasting Father.

Isaiah 7:14 *Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.*

All men born of Adam's seed are born tainted with sin. It is their nature (Ephesians 2:1-3). Men are born with the inherent bent to sinning. Thus, no mortal human being coming from Adam's line could possibly have saved man from his sin, for that man would have been a sinner himself.

The prophecy of Isaiah was fulfilled, a virgin did conceive and bear a son; you had upon the face of this earth a man who was not of Adam's seed. All the prophecies relating to the coming of a messiah met their

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fulfillment in the Lord Jesus Christ and in no other person. Jesus made this claim Himself. Look carefully at Luke 24 the Lord has drawn near to two disciples as they are walking together on the road to Emmaus. Read Luke 24:15-27 *And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.*

The Lord Jesus Christ claimed by His exposition of the Old Testament law and prophets, in Luke 24, that He was indeed the One of whom the prophets had spoken. The virgin birth is foretold by the prophets and fully verified in the New Testament. Let us read together from the first chapter of Luke as well as the first chapter of Matthew. Read first from Luke 1:26-35. This is the message which the angel brought down from God in heaven and proclaimed unto Mary.

This message from the angel Gabriel was carried out as promised, read Matthew 1: 18-25.

There are four great truths that stand out in these two passages of scripture.

1. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. This was prophesied in the Old Testament scriptures, proclaimed by the angels sent down from God, and proven by the life, death, burial and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. A virgin conceived and a holy thing (Luke 1:35) was formed in her womb. The Bible says that holy thing was a body (Hebrews 10:5). This body was the prepared dwelling place for the second person of the Godhead, the Lord Jesus Christ.

2. Mary was the human vessel in whose womb He formed the body in which He would dwell. God was Mary's Creator. God was the Creator of the universe. Mary did not give birth to God. Mary gave birth to a body of flesh in which God was manifest. God existed before Mary.

3. It is wonderful to see that God did not send an angel, archangel or a host of angels to take care of man's sin problems. God Himself came, in the person of the Lord Jesus Christ, to save sinners. The Bible says He took the name Immanuel, that is, God with us.

4. Fourth, the pre-existence of Jesus Christ before He became incarnate is undeniably established throughout the pages of God's holy word. Take, for example, the book of John. John 1:1 says, *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God*. The Bible says in Genesis 1:1, *In the beginning God* then we read in John 1:2-3, *The same was in the beginning with God All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.* What we see here is the Word existing from the beginning, and the Word by whom all things were made. Then the Bible says in John 1:14, *And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father) full of grace and truth.* The Lord Jesus did not come

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into existence in Bethlehem's manger. The Lord Jesus Christ is the One by whom Bethlehem and its' manger came into existence. The Lord Jesus Christ, the Creator, the Word, the maker of all things, became flesh.

In 1 Timothy 6:16, *Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen.* How do we reconcile this with John 1:14, where we read of beholding His glory? God veiled His glory within a body of human flesh that we might behold Him. (Remember, in John 1:14 the Bible says *and we beheld his glory*. God's glory in heaven came to earth that men on the earth might behold it.) John 17:4-5 *I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. 5 And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.* In John 17:24 is a crystal-clear declaration of the existence of Jesus Christ before He became incarnate: *Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world*

This great truth is also stated in John 8:51-59. Jesus Christ is in a conflict with the religious leaders of His day, discussing Abraham.

Genesis 12 we read about a man named Abraham. Yet the Lord Jesus Christ said *before Abraham was, I am*. John 8:58 Notice, He did not say before Abraham was, I was. The Lord Jesus Christ carefully chose His words, and He said, *before Abraham was, I AM*. Exodus 3:13-14 *And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? what shall I say unto them? And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.*

The Lord Jesus Christ said to the religious leaders of the nation of Israel, *before Abraham was, I AM*.

The Lord Jesus Christ is the eternal, everlasting Son of God. God the Creator was manifest in a body of human flesh. Jesus Christ was the child of promise. God promised a Saviour to Adam, this promise was repeated to Abraham, to Isaac, to Jacob and to David. He was to be born of the royal seed in Bethlehem, the city of David. He was to be a Nazarene. He was to preach the gospel to the poor. He was to heal the sick. He was to ride into Jerusalem on a colt and was to be proclaimed king by the people. He was to be betrayed by one of His friends and sold for thirty pieces of silver. This money was to be used to buy a piece of land in which to bury strangers. He was to die for the sins of the people. His body was to be pierced but no bone broken. Lots were to be cast for His clothing. He

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was to be buried in a rich man's tomb and was to rise from the dead. The Bible says it is without controversy 1 Timothy 3:16.

These and many other things were foretold of the Saviour, all of them, to the minutest detail, were fulfilled in the person of the Lord Jesus Christ. They never shall be fulfilled in any other man, for there will never again be on this earth another God-man. *God was manifest in the flesh.*

The book of Romans opens with: *Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God, (Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures,)* God promised something in the Old Testament prophetic writings. He promised the gospel, the good news, a saving message. This message was *Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord,* (Romans 1:3-4) Jesus Christ is in the center. Who is He? On one hand, He is God's Son. On the other hand, He is our Lord. *which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh;* (the body of flesh was indeed made of the seed of David) *And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead*

My friend, your search for a Saviour must end today. You have been shown from the Bible that your Saviour is the Lord Jesus Christ. **He** was God manifest in the flesh. There were many great men throughout history, but all of them were just men. As men they were sinners. As sinners they come short of God's glory and stand in need of God's salvation, just as you do.

The Bible says *there is no difference: for all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God* God has made a way that you might be saved. He took upon Himself the form of a man, He took upon Himself your sin on the cross. He died, was buried, and three days and three nights later He rose from the dead, proving conclusively that He has power over sin, death and hell.

If you want the power of an endless life you will have to come to the Lord Jesus Christ, confess yourself as the sinner that He died for, the sinner for whom He paid the penalty, and trust Him as your personal Lord and Saviour. You have no other hope of salvation, because there is no other Saviour. There is no one else that can save you from your sin.

The Bible says, *believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, for whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved,*

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Lesson 15

Name _____

All answers must have scripture back-up to receive full credit.

1. Definition of incarnation?
2. What are the four great truths from Matthew 1 and Luke 1 ?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d
3. Who did Jesus Christ claim himself to be in John 8:58?
4. Explain the difference in the words IS and WAS, referencing John 8:58
5. In Romans 1:3-4 who is Jesus Christ?
6. How do we reconcile this with John 1:14, where we read of beholding His glory?
7. Explain the term "*great is the mystery of godliness:*"
8. What was the purpose of this lesson?
9. Prove why Mary was or was not the mother of God?.

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10. What does John 17:24 teach us?
11. How does the Lord Jesus Christ differ from other great men?
12. Explain the statement made by Jesus in Luke 24:27.
13. How can we be sure that Jesus Christ is worthy of our worship?
14. What must you do to receive the power of endless life?
15. What was the holy thing?

True/False

- God was manifested in the flesh in the person of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Jesus Christ was fully God and fully man when he was on this Earth.
- Christ died for us while we were sinners



Scripture memorization (write out these verses on the back of this page) must be in KJV 1 Timothy 3:16; Hebrews 10:5; John 17:4-5.

Any questions?