

WHAT'S SO SPECIAL ABOUT CHRISTMAS?

Philippians 2:5-11

Christmas Series 2008 Part 1

1. THE RELEVANCE OF CHRISTMAS:

"Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: who, being in very nature God ..." vs. 5-6a

John 1:1-3, John 8:58

"Christ is the exact likeness of the unseen God. He existed before God made anything at all, and in fact, Christ himself is the Creator who made everything in heaven and earth ..."

Colossians 1:15-16a (LB)

John 10:30, John 14:9

II. THE REALITY OF CHRISTMAS:

"He made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness and being found in appearance as a man ..." vs. 7-8a

" ... He became like men and was born a human being" (Amp)

How was Jesus like us?

- \_\_\_\_\_ like us (Luke 2:6-7)
- \_\_\_\_\_ like us (Luke 2:52)
- \_\_\_\_\_ like us (Hebrews 4:15)
- \_\_\_\_\_ like us (Matthew 26:38)

III. THE REASON FOR CHRISTMAS:

" ... He humbled himself and became obedient to death ... even death on a cross!" vs. 8b

Why did he do it?

1. To \_\_\_\_\_  
"God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners." Romans 5:8 (LB)

John 15:13, John 3:16-17, I John 4:9

2. To \_\_\_\_\_  
"He personally carried the load of our sins in his own body when he died on the cross, so that we can be finished with sin and live a good life." I Peter 2:24 (LB)

IV. THE RESULT OF CHRISTMAS:

"Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that JESUS CHRIST IS LORD ..." vs. 9-11a

What does it mean to call Jesus "Lord"?

It means that I ...

- Acknowledge:
- Believe:
- Commit:

"If you confess with your mouth, 'JESUS IS LORD', and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." Romans 10:9