

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ,

Advent 2016

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...Through Him all things were made...In Him was life, and that life was the light of men...To all who received him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God...The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us.” John 1:1-14

John’s prologue gives us a powerful image of Jesus as the eternal Word of God. He existed before He was born. It is what makes Jesus unique. No one else ever existed before they were born. You and I were created; Jesus was begotten not created. He came from the Father, and He has returned to His Father.

Now, the whole reason why Jesus came into the world was to transform the world, and He is doing this, one person at a time, with the intent of creating a New Family of God. First century theologian Irenaus of Lyons summarized this idea well, he said, “the Son of God has become a Son of Man, so that Sons of Men would become Sons of God.” This is the heart-beat of the Gospel: Our Loving Father in Heaven sent His only begotten Son and all who receive Him are born again by the Spirit of God and enter into a new, loving union with God the Father, forever!

The Incarnation is such Good News and it is Good News for ALL!!!

How can you share the Good News with Friends, Family, and Neighbours?

As the new family of God we are called by Jesus to freely share what we have received!

As we enter into another Advent/Christmas season, may you and those within your circles of influence discover the unsearchable riches of Jesus Christ, may you grasp the depths of His love for you, and may you grow in your relationship with the Father, through the Son, in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Merry Christmas,

Pastor Ben

