

## MEDITATIONS ON THE TRUE CHRISTIAN LIFE

....*"This book of the law [the Word of God] shall not depart from [always be in] your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful [take heed] to do according to all that is written in it; for THEN you will make your way prosperous, and THEN you will have success".... Joshua 1:8 NASB*

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\* A legal Substitution would be impossible without an Incarnation. Deity must assume the liability of the Fall of humanity. God must have known that man would fall when He created him. Man was created in the face of that fact. A Substitute must be provided, actually taking man's place, suffering what humanity should suffer, meeting every claim of justice in behalf of fallen man. Only then could God be vindicated. An angel could not fulfil these demands. No man could be the Substitute. Only God himself could fulfil these requirements. An Incarnation of Deity and humanity was demanded.

The account of the Incarnation is found in the gospel of Luke. It tells of the Most High overshadowing the virgin Mary, and she conceived in her womb that Holy Thing. Jesus did not partake of the mother's nature, she simply "clothed" Him with sinless flesh. Had He been conceived of the seed of Joseph, His body would have been mortal. Because He was conceived of the Holy Spirit, He possessed a body such as Adam had in the Garden before the Fall. The Incarnation proves the pre-existence of the Man Jesus. John 1:1:

"In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him and without Him was not anything made that was made."

There could not have been an Incarnation had not Jesus had a pre-existence as Deity. There could be no Incarnation unless there was a perfect unity of Deity and humanity. This occurred in the man Jesus. In the eyes of "sense knowledge" men it is a miracle. In the eyes of God's knowledge it is normal. God's knowledge is spiritual; man's knowledge is of the senses.

"For the natural man revealeth not the things of the Spirit, for they are foolishness unto him, and he cannot know them, for they are spiritually revealed."  
1 Corinthians 2:14

The Incarnation was God breaking into the sense realm, manifesting Himself in the flesh.