

EPISODE: 196 TITLE: Christmas and the Incarnation

It's crazy to think that we get so lost in the consumerism of Christmas, even as Christians, that we forget about the magnitude of God becoming man. God putting on flesh.

This year, let's recapture the essence of the Incarnation as *we* are now the flesh that is wrapped around God's Spirit!

Here are three things to believe and consider connected to Christmas and the Incarnation...

- 1. **Jesus was sent to us by his, and our, heavenly Father**. He came as a gift of Good News to all of humanity, but he also came as an invitation to a new life. Now, today. In the Incarnation of Christ, the whole human race recovers the dignity of the image of God. We now know what God is like, and we also get to incarnate God in and amongst others.
- 2. To embrace the Incarnation of Christ is to accept that God wants to be with us. And that he wants us to be with others in the same way: as family, as servants, as those who bear the burdens of others... regardless if they are in a bad situation because of their own choices or other circumstances. Through serving as Jesus did, we recover our true humanity, and at the same time, we are delivered from consumerism and individualism.
- 3. This Christmas (and every day), look for those around you that are in need and lonely. Invite them to the party, invite them to the table. Invite them to walk in the ways of Jesus with you this year. This is primarily a matter of intentionality because we will be celebrating Jesus' life with others anyway... who do you know that needs to experience the Incarnation?

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Thanks for listening... we'll see you in the next episode! *Caesar & Heath*