WHY JESUS CAME

John 1:1, 14; Galatians 4:4-5; Isaiah 9:6

(Not entirely original with me)

Introduction: How true it is that God's ways are not our ways nor are His thoughts like our thoughts. Who would have ever thought that God cared enough about the human race to actually become a human being through His only begotten Son, yet He did just that. How could almighty God become flesh and blood and why in the world would He ever want to do that in the first place? If Jesus was not born as He was, through a virgin birth, then He would have possessed the same sinful human nature that every fallen child of Adam has. Jesus put aside His eternal glory to become a man, a human being and came through the miraculous conception of a virgin. God did not send one who, in His birth, BECAME God's Son, but God sent One who through all eternity WAS His Son.

I. JESUS TOOK SEVEN STEPS DOWNWARD TO BECOME A MAN

- 1. "He made of Himself no reputation."
 - He emptied Himself although He never lost His deity upon becoming a man.
- 2. "He took upon Him the form of a servant."
 - Jesus came to serve others and not to show off His being divinity. (Matthew 20:28)

3. "He was made in the likeness of men."

- Jesus was of the same flesh and blood as everyone else on earth. (Hebrews 2:14)
- Jesus is the only Person who is both God and Man, Divine and human, perfect in His Deity and perfect in His humanity.

4. "And being found in fashion as a man."

- Jesus never held Himself above others.
- As a Man, He was made under the law, yet He never violated the law.
- As a Man, Jesus was tempted as others are tempted, yet He never sinned.

5. "He humbled Himself."

- Jesus completely humbled Himself that He surrendered His will to the will of His heavenly Father, wantingonly to do the will of the Father.
- It was humiliation for the Son of God to become flesh, born in a stable and then to dwell in a humble home subject to human parents.

6. "He became obedient unto death."

- The God-Man actually dies.
 - Was it God or was it Man who died?
 - It was both Jesus was the God-Man, part of each.
- To allow Himself to die as He did was a necessary part of God's plan of salvation for men and for Jesus to die such a death voluntarily was Implicit obedience.

7. "...even the death of the cross."

- Jesus died as no other person died or ever will die.
- Jesus died vbearing the burden of the worst and most guilty of all sinners among mankind.
- He came down from Heaven's glory to earth's sin and shame because He was obedient.

II. WHY JESUS, THE SON OF GOD BECAME A MAN

- 1. Jesus came to reveal God to Man.
 - God's greatest revelation of Himself to man is in Jesus Christ.
 - Belief in the existence of God is within every human being, it is inate. (Romans 1:19-20)
 - The existence and power of God are recognized by the things seen in the external world.
 Only those with abnormal, distorted or biased minds ever deny God's existence.
 - Nature reveals the supernatural and the universe's creation reveals the Creator. (Psalm 19:1-6)
 - God has revealed Himself through dreams to some, through prophets and through the written Word, inspired by the Holy Spirit.
 - Of all the amazing revelations of God, none has revealed God more clearly and fully than the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ. *(Matthew 11:27)*
 - When asked "Lord, show us the Father....Jesus answered, He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father..." (John 14:8-9)
 - Nobody could have understand fully the patience and longsuffering of God, the Father until Jesus Christ came.
 - Nobody could have understood just how perfect and holy God is until they come face to face with God's Son, Jesus.
- 2. Jesus came to reveal mankind to himself.
 - Jesus shows people what they are and what they may become.
 - The basic fact that people need to know is where they came from, their origin.
 - The human race had its origin by hands- on creation by God and that man is the grand consumation of all creation. *(Genesis 1:26-27)*
 - What was new in God creating man was a form of life which only God and man could have.
 - Only man was created in the image and likeness of God, thus differnikng from all other forms of creation.
 - Sadly, man did not retain God's image and likeness, as he disobeyed God and immediately the relationship between man and God was severed and man died both physically and spiritually.
 - Every human being since Adam are born into this world spiritually dead in sin, having a sin-nature capable of every trespass against God.
 - All men are not equally corrupt inword and deed, but are all sinful and equally spiritually dead.
 - Jesus' coming showed man how far short he came of God's standard of a righteous person.
 - Time has not improved human nature for today p;eople still trample under food the precious blood of Jesus and if Jesus were to come back, the world would try to crucify Him again.
- 3. Jesus came to redeem mankind.
 - Since mankind needed a deliverer from their guilt and the penalty of sin, God provided that deliverer, redeemer.
 - Jesus is man's Redeemer, Savior. (Matthew 1:21; Luke 2:11)
 - The terrible condition of the human race necessitated the coming of the Redeemer since there was no hope of deliverance apart from Him.
 - God had to deal with the problem of sin and in order to do so justly and mercifully, someone had to suffer the death penalty for the sin of the whole human race (world).
 - Mark 21:17; Romans 3:10
 - Doctors go into sick rooms not because of the pleasantness of disease and suffering, but because of a desire to relieve and cure the sick.
 - Therefore sinners are the special objects of the Savior's love and power.

- Had mankind been righteous, there would have been no need for Jesus to have come.

- 4. Jesus came to restrain to destroy Satan.
 - Hebrews 2:9, 14-15
 - Jesus became flesh in order to die not a sudden, unexpected death, but a lingering, anticipated death that He would taste every day while here.
 - Of all the works of Satan, among the worst is that of destroying life.
 - Satan knew that if Adam and Eve ate of the forbidden tree that they would DIE and he delighted in their fall.
 - By Jesus' coming into the world and through His death and resurrection He took from Satan the power of death and death no more holds its lethal grip on the believer.

- 2 Timothy 1:9-10

- The "sting" of death is gone. (1 Corinthians 15:54, 57)
- 5. Jesus came to rescue the entire creation.
 - Will God ever restore again to mankind the perfect world which was lost through the fall? - *Isaiah 11:6-9*
 - Discord among God's creatures has sprung from the sinfulness of man and is a necessary part of the curse God put upon man and the earth.
 - What Jesus came to do is more than the salvation of people but His coming has and will affect the whole creation. *(Romans 8:19-23; Hosea 2:18; Ephesians 1:10)*
 - All creation lies in expectancy (hope) of being delivered from today's corruption to that place God had given it in the beginning.
 - All the earth will be restored to its original state in God's time.
- 6. Jesus came to restore Israel.
 - Israel was promised a Messiah.
 - In blind unbelief the children of Abraham (Israel) refused to recognize or receive Jesus, the promised Messiah and crucified Him.
 - Jesus came preaching repentance, opening the door to the Kingdom, but only the regenerated could enter.
 - The Kingdom Jesus offered was not what Israel wanted and Jesus withdrew the offer. - *Matthew 21:43-45*
 - Israel is still set aside this day but Israel is not beyond recovery and is not forever lost.

- God has given Israel a possession and a dwelling place and He wants them there. - *Genesis 12:1-3*

- Jews continue to return to the Land of Promise and all sings ;point to the return of Jesus, the God-Man and the one through whom God's purposes for Israel are to be fulfilled.
- 7. Jesus came to reign.
 - The three wise men from the East came asking "Where is He that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and are come to worship Him.." (Mattahew 2:1-2)
 - The Son of God became Man in order that He might be King of the earth.

- Jesus will appear in His resurrected body and will sit on the throne of His glory.

- Revelation 1:7

- Jesus' kingdom is real, literal and He had to become a human being to sit on the throne.

- A perfect kingdom demands a perfect King.

- Luke 1:31-33

- When the King comes, then His perfect will shall be done in earth as it is in heaven.
- The reign of Jesus waits for His return to carry away His Bride, the Church.
- Everything waits until He gathers His bride to Himself and it will be at the moment the last soul is added to the Church and then He will come.

CONCLUSION:

- 1. The supreme purpose in Jesus coming into the world was to glorify God, His Heavenly Father.
- 2. Nothing was left undone and in everything He did, Jesus had the Father's glory in view.
 - Jesus glorified the Father
 - Jesus finished His earthly mission.
- 3. Every believer has been fredeemed by Jesus' precious blood and are reminded: *"For ye are bought with a ;price; therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." (1 Corinthians 6:20)*
- 4. If YOU are a Christian, then you have been restored to the family of God, your sins have been paid for and you have a home awaiting you in Heaven. ALL because of Jesus' coming to make it possible.