

## AND GOD BECAME FLESH AND BLOOD

### John 1: 1, 14

**Introduction:** Sometimes we wish that our dreams and thoughts could come true and sometimes we are so glad that they can't. Most have never thought of anybody being able to make their thoughts real, but God can and has. Nobody can understand or describe how, but God became flesh and blood. He put His thoughts into reality.

### I. GOD HAD MADE HIMSELF KNOW BEFORE IN TIMES PAST

1. By speaking in a cloud, in fire, in the wind, by light, a burning bush, and even an animal.
2. God spoke directly to Adam and Eve, to Abraham, to the Prophets, to Moses, to David and to His people, Israel.

### II. GOD CHOSE TO REVEAL HIMSELF IN A NEW WAY - IN PERSON

1. Nobody ever dreamed or thought that God would take on flesh and blood, limiting His powers and lowering Himself to the confines of human flesh and bones with all its weaknesses.
2. Very few accepted the truth that Jesus was in fact, God who became flesh and blood. There were some who believed that one could "appear to be in the flesh" but not really be in the flesh and that was how Jesus appeared. Really a spirit with no real human characteristics.
3. Thinking about it now, God could not have drawn nearer nor revealed Himself more clearly, or explained His purpose, nor shown the depth of His love than He did when Jesus came. All through the earthly life of Jesus God's love was revealed in the way Jesus lived, taught, how He died, and then was resurrected. Only God could have done all that.
4. As our speech reveals what we are thinking, Jesus did in the flesh for God. He often said that *"if you have seen me, you have seen the Father..."*
5. The disciples looked very closely at Jesus and listened to every word He said and discovered that Jesus did in fact reveal God in all His ways.

### III. SO, WHY DID JESUS REALLY COME?

1. The whole human race was separated, lost before God and had no one or way to be restored to the once divine favor.
2. Jesus came to tell and show people what God thought and what God was like.
3. Jesus came to introduce a New Covenant which was vastly different from the Old Covenant made with Abraham and Moses, based on the law.

4. Jesus came to proclaim pardon and peace to all who would believe.
  - All rites and rituals were finalized in Jesus, no more need for them.
  - All prophecies concerning the Messiah were fulfilled in Jesus.
  - All the curses pronounced by the Law of Moses could now be turned into blessings.

## **CONCLUSION:**

1. It boggles the mind in trying to think of God never having a beginning or start for all man knows has a birth or a start of some kind, somehow. It also is impossible to try to visualize almighty God walking on this earth in flesh and blood with all the limitations of the fleshly body.
2. There was no other way for God to do for us what He wanted to do and has done - to show His love, to reveal Himself, to free us from death and sin.
3. Jesus is God in flesh and blood. He has shown us how to live. He has told us what God thinks. he has made the way clear for mankind to come back to God and His favor.
4. Shall we be indifferent as Israel was? Shall we back off as the Gentiles did in disbelief that God became flesh? Or shall we believe and be saved?
5. Christmas is God making His thoughts come alive.