

# **THE INCARNATE CHRIST**

## **I John 1:1-4**

**Today we'll examine four exciting truths about the reality of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, in human flesh.**

### **I. THE INCARNATE CHRIST EXPERIENCED** (1)

#### **A. CHRIST'S EXISTENCE**

- Christ is eternally existent from the beginning (See John 1:1)

#### **B. JOHN'S ENCOUNTER**

1. Personal: He heard, saw, studied and touched Christ
2. Practical
  - a. Jesus Christ was not a phantom.
  - b. The Christian message cannot be separated from the person of Christ!

#### **C. CHRIST'S EXPRESSION**

- "The Word of Life"

### **II. THE INCARNATE CHRIST MANIFESTED** (2)

#### **A. THE REVELATION**

1. We did not have to go looking for God ... He made Himself fully known in Christ.
2. See Heb. 1:1-2

#### **B. THE REPORT**

1. Christ's Verification: Seen, testified, proclaimed
2. Christ's Identification
  - a. The eternal life
  - b. From the Father to us. (Note John 1:14 and Phil. 2:5-7)

### **III. THE INCARNATE CHRIST PROCLAIMED** (3)

#### **A. THE SUBSTANCE**

- We make it our business to proclaim

#### **B. THE SIGNIFICANCE**

- So that we can have fellowship: Having at our disposal something we share in common

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### C. THE SUBJECT

1. Fellowship with the eyewitnesses
2. Fellowship with God – See Col. 1:21-22
3. Fellowship with God's Son, Jesus Christ - See Heb. 2:17-18; 4:15-16 and 10:19-22

## IV. **THE INCARNATE CHRIST CELEBRATED** (4)

### A. THE CONDITION: Joy!

1. The eternally existent Christ exited Heaven to be experienced by humankind and provide the means for fellowship with God.
2. The fullness of these blessings brings the deepest of joys.

### B. THE CONTRASTS

1. Not condemnation - John 3:17
2. Not fear
3. Not emptiness

## **CONCLUSION:**

**The incarnation of Christ or the belief that Jesus Christ was indeed the Son of God in human flesh, is the most essential element of our belief system.**

1. There is no Christian relationship if Christ is rejected.
2. There is no Christian fellowship without a common belief about Christ.