

THE INCARNATION

“The Son of God became a man to enable men to become sons of God”. - CS Lewis.
 “...the Word became flesh” (John 1).
 “...though he was God he did not consider equality with God as something to be grasped.” (Philippians 2).

Genealogies in the Bible are important because, among others, it shows us two things:

- (1) **That we are created.** That all of us trace our stories back to Adam and Eve, who were created out of the dust of the earth (Genesis 1).
- (2) **That we are connected.** Every human being is deeply connected in ways which we will not fully understand. Every man was part of his mother once, and the mother was part of her parents once, and on and on backwards it goes until Adam and Eve.

The Incarnation clearly says that:

- (1) **Jesus Christ was not created**, not on Christmas. He is the Son of God from eternity. He existed before creation and was coeternal with God the Father. Jesus claimed, “Before Abraham was, I am”. Jesus is before all things; *above all things; the end of all things; the alpha and the omega.* Jesus is the third person of the Trinity coeternal with God.
- (2) **He was not connected to us in the flesh**, in the way humans are. But he chose to come in human flesh, so that he can be connected to us, as we are connected in the flesh. In order to save us from our sins, he needed to make that connection.

What we can take away from the Incarnation of Jesus:

- (1) The Perfect man has come in the flesh. The message of the incarnation is that Christ the Perfect man has come. He had lived the perfect life God expected his people to live. He had attained perfection which God demands. He had reached the level of holiness expected of us. He had offered the sacrifice we were meant to offer. Humanity’s vision is perfection. In a very important sense, in this Man Jesus, the whole of humanity had arrived, perfected and accepted. Because of Jesus we are perfected.
- (2) The person that Jesus was, and the work that he did, he did it in the flesh, as a man, and not necessarily as a God. This means that we can be all that he was when he walked in this world. (John 14:12-14). He affirmed our fleshly existence as good and meaningful. He affirmed the world we live in as good and worth saving, *in fact worth dying for.*
- (3) He died and offered the perfect sacrifice. He died as a man. All flesh must die, but because of Jesus, all flesh will be raised again.
- (4) When Jesus was raised, it was not just the Son of God who was raised. It was not just the divinity part of him that was raised. The human in him was also raised. This is our ultimate hope. God redeems us totally.

- Pastor Kedo Peseyie



CHRIST THE POWER OF GOD
AND THE WISDOM OF GOD

City Church

SUNDAY SERVICE

Leader : Tolika Jimo
 Speaker : Pastor Kedo Peseyie
 Ushers : Lima & Mego Yalie
 Keyboard : Kimeri Ngullie

Call to Worship Praise & Worship

Reading : Isaiah 9:2-7

Mass Prayer

Offertory & Announcement

Hymn No. 323 : Wonderful Words of Life

Message

Hymn No.100 : Jesus Paid it All

Benediction



VISION statement of the City Church:

City Church seeks to honor and worship Jesus Christ as Lord and the only God; and to build the Body of Christ (The Church) with all who love Him as disciples, proclaiming Him as the Savior to all nations.

AIMS of the City Church:

Worship: *To Worship God and exalt His name together as a Church.*

Fellowship: *To build the body of Christ with all who love Him through mutual sharing, help and growth.*

Evangelism: *To witness for Christ both by proclamation and by lifestyle so as to cause others to experience God’s great salvation.*

Discipleship: *To establish members as disciples of Jesus Christ through systematic Bible Studies and teaching and equip them for effective service.*

Mission: *To send out people in obedience to God’s call and command to reach the un-reached for Christ.*

PRAYER

- Pray for our leaders in the Nagaland Government. 1 Tim 2:2 says, “*Pray for the kings and for all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty*”.
- Pray for all the believers in Nagaland, so that we may stay alert, focused and faithful to our calling to live in unity and service to Christ, His church, and the world. Eph 6:18 says, “*...pray with perseverance for all the saints*”.

Isaiah 9:2-7 (NIV)

The people walking in darkness
have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep darkness
a light has dawned.
You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy;
they rejoice before you
as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice
when dividing the plunder.
For as in the day of Midian's defeat,
you have shattered
the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor.
Every warrior's boot used in battle
and every garment rolled in blood
will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire.
For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Of the greatness of his government and peace
there will be no end.
He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom,
establishing and upholding it
with justice and righteousness
from that time on and forever.
The zeal of the LORD Almighty
will accomplish this.

INFORMATION

- Wednesday Bible study at 5pm.
- Christmas program is out in printed form. You may also take extra copies to give to friends and invite them to join us in the celebration. Do pray that we all may appropriate every good blessing the Lord has for us through this special season of Joy & Peace!

Sunday, December 10th, 2017

Tithes: ₹ 83,000
Mission: ₹ 12,500
Offering: ₹ 14,500
Building Fund: ₹ 76,000
Nagamese: ₹ 252
Total: ₹ **1,87,122**

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