

THE
WORD
BECAME
FLESH

Understanding the 5 W's of God Becoming Human



Part 2

Understanding *Who* Became Flesh

Colossians 1:15

Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation,

Colossians 1:16a

for through him God created
everything in the heavenly realms
and on earth.

Colossians 1:16b

He made the things we can see and the things we can't see—such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through him and for him.

Colossians 1:17

He existed before anything else,
and he holds all creation together.

Colossians 1:18

Christ is also the head of the church,
which is his body. He is the
beginning, supreme over all who
rise from the dead. So he is first
in everything.

Colossians 1:19

For God in all his fullness was
pleased to live in Christ,

Colossians 1:20

and through him God reconciled everything to himself. He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ's blood on the cross.

Colossians 1:21

This includes you who were once far away from God. You were his enemies, separated from him by your evil thoughts and actions.

Colossians 1:22a

Yet now he has reconciled you to himself through the death of Christ in his physical body.

Colossians 1:22b

As a result, he has brought you into his own presence, and you are holy and blameless as you stand before him without a single fault.

Colossians 1:23a

But you must continue to believe
this truth and stand firmly in it.
Don't drift away from the assurance
you received when you heard the
Good News.

Colossians 1:23b

The Good News has been preached
all over the world, and I, Paul,
have been appointed as God's
servant to proclaim it.

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A Theophanies Purpose

- **A God initiated encounter.**
- **Brings previously unknown, good news or a promise from God.**
- **Can involve some type of miraculous action or provision.**
- **Results in greater worship of God**

Old Testament Theophanies

- **The Lord appears to Abraham as 3 men in Genesis 18:1-15**
- **The Lord appeared to Jacob as man, and wrestled him in Genesis 32:24-32.**
- **The Burning Bush in Exodus 3**

Old Testament Theophanies

- **The Lord led the Israelites out of Egypt and through the wilderness as a pillar of fire by day and a cloud by night. This was a double theophany in Exodus 13:21-22**

Old Testament Theophanies

- **The Angel of the Lord appears to Balaam in Numbers 22:35**
- **The Angel of the Lord appears to Manoah and his wife in Judges 13 (Samson's parents).**

Old Testament Theophanies

- **The Lord appeared as the fourth man walking around in the furnace with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who was as a “son of the gods” in Daniel 3:**

Hebrews 1:1

Long ago God spoke many times and
in many ways to our ancestors
through the prophets.

Hebrews 1:2

And now in these final days, he has spoken to us through his Son. God promised everything to the Son as an inheritance, and through the Son he created the universe.

Hebrews 1:3a

The Son radiates God's own glory and expresses the very character of God, and he sustains everything by the mighty power of his command.

Hebrews 1:3b

When he had cleansed us from our sins, he sat down in the place of honor at the right hand of the majestic God in heaven.

Hebrews 1:4

This shows that the Son is far greater than the angels, just as the name God gave him is greater than their names.

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Principle #2

Through Jesus Christ we are able to experience God's unfiltered heart, thoughts, words, and actions for ourselves.

John 14:6

Jesus told him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.

John 14:7

If you had really known me,
you would know who my Father is.
From now on, you do know him
and have seen him!”

John 14:8

Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.”

John 14:9

Jesus replied, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and yet you still don't know who I am? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father! So why are you asking me to show him to you?"

John 14:10

Don't you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I speak are not my own, but my Father who lives in me does his work through me.

John 14:11

Just believe that I am in the Father
and the Father is in me. Or at least
believe because of the work you
have seen me do.

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Principle #3

Through Jesus Christ we are given the opportunity to understand that God's ultimate purpose for humanity is not to judge and to destroy but to reconcile, to renew, and to save.

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:17

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

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Principle #4

Through belief in Jesus Christ, we are granted God's power through the Holy Spirit to better understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep God's love is.

Principle #5

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Principle #6

Christ is supreme over all of creation and His supremacy is supposed to manifest itself most visibly and most gloriously in the church, which is His body.

Principle #7

**Anyone can be saved by
God's grace through faith in
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of Jesus Christ.**

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