

Sermon Series – “Why I Believe”

Part 5 – “The Mystery of the Son”

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Scripture Reading: Hebrews 1:1-4

In his _____ to young Timothy, Paul wrote a statement found in 1 Timothy 3:16 that has been the _____ and wonder of _____, not just _____ but angels too. He said, “Great is the _____ of godliness: God was _____ in the flesh...” To explain the *how* of this statement would be impossible even in a _____ years. But to understand and believe the *why* this _____ be so, is of utmost importance to every Christian if we are to stand firm in what Christ did for us. There are those who would have us believe that our _____ was _____ a good _____, that He too was _____ and subject to death just as we are. Others say He was like God but didn’t _____ up to the fullness of God. But what does the Bible say? How can we be assured that He who came as a baby is also our _____ and our King? Let us pray as we study.

Son of God & Son of Man

1. What hints does Paul give of the _____ & _____ of Christ? *Heb. 1:3; Col. 1:16*
2. What then are we to understand by the word _____? *Jn 3:16; Heb.11:17; 1:5*
3. Though it seems apparent, what is a deeper _____ of firstborn? *Col. 1:15; Heb 1:6*
4. Why is believing the _____ of the incarnation so important? *Jn 1:1-14; 1 Jn 4:1*
5. What assurance do I have of Christ’s _____ and grace toward ____? *Heb. 2:14-18*

By His humanity, Christ touched humanity; by His divinity, He lays hold upon the throne of God. As the Son of man, He gave us an example of obedience; as the Son of God, He gives us power to obey. It was Christ who from the bush on Mount Horeb spoke to Moses saying, “I AM THAT I AM.... Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.” Exodus 3:14. This was the pledge of Israel’s deliverance. So when He came “in the likeness of men,” He declared Himself the I AM. The Child of Bethlehem, the meek and lowly Saviour, is God “manifest in the flesh.” 1 Timothy 3:16. And to us He says: “I AM the Good Shepherd.” “I AM the living Bread.” “I AM the Way, the Truth, and the Life.” “All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth.” John 10:11; 6:51; 14:6; Matthew 28:18. I AM the assurance of every promise. I AM; be not afraid. “God with us” is the surety of our deliverance from sin, the assurance of our power to obey the law of heaven.

– The Desire of Ages, p. 24

May we receive Him in our hearts as God and our Elder Brother!