

# Pastor's Commentary And Outline

## “The beginning of the creation of God”

And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God; Rev 3:14

This season of our Lord's first advent is of special significance to the Church because she owes her whole life and existence to this glorious seed. This one unique incorruptible seed. The unique Son of God!

*Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. 18 And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; 2 Cor 5:17-18*

We rejoice abundantly in the incarnation . Why? Because God now can be seen in Person.

*And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. John 1:14*

This is the final comprehensive and all sufficient revelation of the invisible God. To see Christ is to see the Father. And to see Him, in the beauty and humility of our manhood. To see, that is to comprehend him and to learn of him, by way of hearing, viewing, reflecting , and that by the power of the Holy Ghost, through the preaching of the gospel of His glory. 2 Cor 3:17,18

This privilege ends the shadows, types, ceremonies and pictures of those things promised in old testament, and now are realized in a form, which seals the hope of the believer, who by election and predestination, and our union with him, will most assuredly by the mercy of God, be conformed into this glorious person's image. Rom 8:28, Eph 1:5

The birth of Christ, also fitted our Master for His office as our real substitute and sacrifice. This means the baby we celebrate will soon travel a bloody path to Golgotha. And there lay down His life for the sheep.

The birth of Christ is a vouchsafe for the new creation of men and women redeemed and preserved for all eternity to the praise of the glory of His Grace. With this view of the birth of our Savior, let us enjoy the memory of that once for all entrance into our World by the God who created all things, for His own glory!

## Outline for the Sermon: "The how, when, and why of his Birth"

(1) To the heirs of God everywhere.

Rev 3:14 2 Cor 5:17 / Rom 8:17 / Gal 3:29 / 1Peter 3:7

### Question

(2) How did He come? 4:4- Sent! John 3:17 / 5:24 / 30 / John 8:42

"Proceeded Ex erchomai- "To come out of; point of Origin, Essence, Authority.

Equality, of the Father and the Son : John 17:3

(3) Again, How did He come? Gen 3:15 / Jer 31:22 /

Made under the Law! - Demands / Curse / punishment/ reward

Rom 10:4 / Isa 42:21 / Dan 9:24-26

(4) Two accomplishments: Redemption vs. 5a Luke 2:36-38

The adoption of sons. 5b. A predestinated purpose: Eph 1:5

(4) Two accomplishments: Vs5 Redemption/ Sonship

Deliverance by a ransom , payment. Set free / transfer of possession

Liberated.

(5) The adoption of sons: We are now sons' instead of slaves!

Rom 8:14-17 / 1John 3:1,2 "full status"

(6) By the Spirit - Vs 6 "God hath sent forth the Spirit of His Son

John 15:26 "That Great apostle through for Church."

14:26 / Mt 10:20 / of God, of Truth, of the Lord, glory, of Life

**He was born that He might bring us to God!**

## "And they have kept thy Word"

*I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word.*  
John 17:6

The question must not be "do you keep God's commandments?" Nor is it, "does the believer keep God's commandments?" Both questions are moot and misleading. But this is how the enemy works, is it not?

The real question is, *have you kept them?*

The real issue for all men everywhere, is whether or not God views you as having perfectly and fully obeyed every precept of his infinitely perfect law, or not. Who is your representative? Is it Adam one? Then the answer is clear, you have not kept God's law. And therefore you are forever under His wrath. There is no exception, and no alternatives. The wages of sin is death. In Adam all die! All have sinned! Rom 3:23

But now, If, in the blessed mercy of God's eternal purpose, Christ Jesus is your representative, the final Adam of all God's elect: We who undeservingly find in Jesus Christ absolute perfection, are declared by Him, to His Father, without our opinion, consideration or argument, as having already kept God's law!  
Rev 3:10

Oh, the beauty, wisdom and simplicity of union with Jesus Christ. How He so prevails in His work of mediation for poor sinners, chosen in Him. We don't even know how to get the question right, let alone determine the outcome of it. He has stated things as they out to be stated. "They have kept thy Word"

It matters not, now, who says what, about what, to whom, since the Son, our advocate has addressed the highest court in the universe, with regard to a perfectly righteous and inflexibly just and Holy matter! Isa 42:21 / Isa 54:17

To wrangle over whether or not believers are keeping God's law, is to ask whether their surety, and representative, is still working out a righteousness for them and has not finished it. Rom 10:4

Both questions become insults. First to Christ who has manifested Himself to those the Father gave Him, to settle the matter!

Secondly to the believer, being tempted to defend himself, as if he has no advocate. and as if the case has not been settled and closed. 1 Cor 1:30

Liberated, once again by a rule that cannot change, the Word of the living God. The gospel of His freeing grace, which stands between Justice and the sinner, to plead their case triumphantly, by Him who loved us. Rom 8:33,34 "Christ, the sinners perfect plea"

This is why the Lawyer, says, to the represented, just before entering the court room, keep your mouth shut. I'll do the talking!

We have an advocate with the Father! ' He ever liveth to make intercession for us! 1 John 2:2,1 Heb 7:25

Who wouldn't both love and serve a God like this?" With all that is in me, bless His holy name!"