

Christmas is So Much More

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"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was with God in the beginning. ³All things were created through Him, and apart from Him not one thing was created that has been created. ⁴In Him was life, and that life was the light of men. ⁵That light shines in the darkness, and yet the darkness did not overcome it." John 1:1-5 (CSB)

At Bethlehem, God WITH us.

At Calvary, God AS us.

At the Resurrection, God FOR us.

At Pentecost, God IN us.

"The Word became flesh and dwelt among us." John 1:14 (CSB)

#1 - At Bethlehem, God WITH us.

The infinite became intimate. The Creator became the created. The Word became a whisper that Mary held.

Emmanuel isn't a seasonal name; it's an eternal truth.

"We observed His glory, the glory as the one and only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth." John 1:14 (CSB)

#2 - At Calvary, God AS us.

"He made the one who did not know sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God." 2 Corinthians 5:21 (CSB)

The baby wrapped in cloth became the Savior wrapped in our shame on a cross.

Jesus didn't just die for you, He died instead of you.

"¹⁶Indeed, we have all received grace upon grace from His fullness, ¹⁷for the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. The one and only Son, who is Himself God and is at the Father's side —He has revealed Him." John 1:16-18 (CSB)

#3 - At the Resurrection, God FOR us.

You can live confident, because Jesus already conquered the thing that was meant to crush you.

"⁴In Him was life, and that life was the light of men. ⁵That light shines in the darkness, and yet the darkness did not overcome it." John 1:4-5 (CSB)

*“¹⁵If you love me, you will keep my commands. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Counselor to be with you forever. ¹⁷He is the Spirit of truth. The world is unable to receive Him because it doesn’t see Him or know Him. But you do know Him, because **He remains with you and will be in you.**”* John 14:15-17 (CSB)

*“¹When the day of Pentecost had arrived, they were all together in one place. ²Suddenly a sound like that of a violent rushing wind came from heaven, and it filled the whole house where they were staying. ³They saw tongues like flames of fire that separated and rested on each one of them. ⁴Then they were all **filled with the Holy Spirit ...**”* Acts 2:1-4 (CSB)

#4 - At Pentecost, God **IN us.**

The same Word who dwelt among us now sends His Spirit to dwell in us.

The more you’re looking for is found in the One who came looking for you.

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At Calvary, God **AS us.**

At the Resurrection, God **FOR us.**

At Pentecost, God **IN us.**