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...Laboring for the Laborers

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MCD Just Checking In #77 Dec 15, 2009 Greatest Miracle of All

Psalm 39:12 "Hear my prayer, O Lord... for I am a pilgrim with You..."

What is the greatest miracle of all time?

Ex nihilo creation? Manna? The resurrection of Lazarus?

While this question is certainly open to debate (since the Bible doesn't explicitly state the status of particular miracles!) I would suggest... **The Incarnation is the greatest miracle of all time and forever!**

Think about it. That the infinite, eternal, unlimited, uncontainable, uncontrollable, inconceivable God... the Creator of heaven and earth.... all holy, all righteous, all powerful, all knowing, all Sovereign of the universe...

THAT GOD....

COULD BECOME A MAN...

WOULD BECOME A MAN...

DID BECOME A MAN...

AND BECAME A MAN FOREVER, AND EVER, AND EVER.... FOR US!

*Hebrews 10:6-14 Therefore, **when Christ came into the world**, he said: "Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me; with burnt offerings and sin offerings you were not pleased. Then I said, 'Here I am-- it is written about me in the scroll-- I have come to do your will, O God.'" First he said, "Sacrifices and offerings, burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not desire, nor were you pleased with them" (although the law required them to be made). Then he said, "Here I am, I have come to do your will." He sets aside the first to establish the second. And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God. Since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool, because by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.*

Here we have a conversation between the Son of God and His Father as He was about to take on flesh on the womb of Mary. The eternal, sovereign Son of God chose to follow His Father's will and rescue us by becoming one of us forevermore! Then, now, always... He is the God-Man. This was no mere 33 year term of limitation, this was everlasting identification as God became man forever... for us.

We stand amazed... speechless... in profound and silent wonder that *such* a God should go to *such* an extreme to save sinners *such* as us. Herein is supreme identification, supreme humiliation, supreme determination, supreme redemption, supreme exaltation....

HE CAME DOWN.... The Manger Identification

HE LAID DOWN... The Cross Redemption

HE SAT DOWN... The Throne Exaltation

O come, let us adore Him.... worthy is the Lamb!

Self-check questions:

1. How does the reality of His "everlasting incarnation" affect your understanding of His love?
2. How does the reality of His "everlasting incarnation" affect your appreciation of His sacrifice?
3. How does the reality of His "everlasting incarnation" affect your perception of others who need Him?

For further study: Philippians 2:1-13; Hebrews 9:23-28; John 1:1-18

Read the book of Hebrews straight through and underline every passage that refers to His coming into the world, His appearing, and the fact that He sat down as the work was done. Hebrews highlights Christ as the final word (Prophet), the final sacrifice (Priest) and the final authority (King) and in each case He sits down to demonstrate His word is done, His work is done, His war is done! Hallelujah, what a Savior!!!!

“Lord, I will never grasp why you would take on yourself the likeness of sinful flesh and because of sin condemn sin in the flesh that I might be rescued and restored to you. You were villified that I might be glorified. You were humbled that I might be exalted. You were made helpless that I might be helped. You took my flesh, my form, my nature, my need... and filled it all with Deity. O Sovereign, Risen, Glorified Christ, take my life and make of me all that You desire. Here I am.... here I am.... yours.. forever. Amen.”

Remember, you are very special to us and we pray for you continually. May your Christmas celebration be the most meaningful, the most worshipful ever as you consider once again... the eternity of the incarnation.

PS - if you want to get a download of this message preached last Sunday, go to www.bbcpa.org and scroll down the left column to sermons. It's the sermon for Sunday December 6

Living with leaving in view.... Jn 9:4

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Seeing The Invisible, embracing The Unapproachable, declaring The Unexplainable, changed by The Immutable, running after The Irresistible with inexhaustible joy in our inexpressible sorrows, spending our time on eternity, owning nothing yet possessing everything that matters and lasts. We are Pilgrims in Paradox.

Welcome to THE JOURNEY.

