

# CHRISTMAS

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CHRISTMAS: FROM BEGINNING TO END  
Part 1 / Christmas from Eternity Past  
John 1:1-5; 10-14

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### I. CHRISTMAS IS GOD'S JOURNEY FROM ETERNITY INTO TIME.

A. *John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was with God in the beginning.*

B. John's description shows that Jesus, while being God, was in one sense distinct from God the Father and God the Holy Spirit. He is the second person of the Trinity, God the Son, who is also fully God.

The Bible doesn't teach that there are three Gods but One God who has shown Himself in three ways: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C. *Galatians 4:4-5 But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, <sup>5</sup> in order that He might buy back those who were under the Law..." (NASB)*

### II. CHRISTMAS IS GOD'S JOURNEY FROM HEAVEN TO EARTH.

A. *John 1:3 Through him (Jesus) all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. <sup>4</sup> In him was life, and that life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.*

B. *Colossians 1:16-17 For by him (Jesus) all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or*

authorities; all things were created by him and for him. <sup>17</sup> He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

C. *John 1:4-5; 10 In Him (Jesus) was life, and that life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it. <sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and though the world was made through Him, the world did **not** recognize Him. (NIV)*

### III. CHRISTMAS IS GOD’S JOURNEY TO **REACH** YOU.

A. *John 1:10-14 He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. <sup>11</sup> He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. <sup>12</sup> Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— <sup>13</sup> children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God. <sup>14</sup> The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

B. God loves **YOU** so much that He would rather leave heaven for you than live in heaven without you.

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