**December 11, 2016 “The Word Became Flesh” John 1: 1-14**

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Throughout the history of the Church since its inception, there have been many false teachers, false teaching and others who have sought to deceive those who earnestly desire to know Christ as their Lord and only Savior. If you were to study Church history, which in my mind is a fascinating study, you would find that much of the falsehood being perpetrated was centered on the deity and the humanity of Christ. Those false teachings led the early Church leaders to gather together and discuss these falsities in order to establish a correct structure upon which to base Biblical doctrine. They held their first major conference in Nicaea and from that conference the Nicene Creed was developed to help the many churches throughout the world maintain a solid and consistent message concerning the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Let me first say that major focus of this church has been to the best of our ability to maintain Biblical purity. What that really means is that we strive to hold high the authority of Scripture because it is the revelation of Jesus Christ. Both the O.T. and the N.T. tell of the marvelous Grace and Mercy of God found in the person of Jesus Christ. So, the question we must ask ourselves is this one; “How can I know Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior without reading and studying God’s revelation of Jesus Christ contained in both the Old and New Testaments?”

It is my prayer that you are here today, not to make yourselves feel good because you went to church today; but rather you are here because you want to learn more about Jesus and that in learning more about Him you will draw closer to Him, walk in fellowship with Him and love Him all the more.

Our study today is centered on the deity and humanity of Christ.

1. John 1: 1-14
	1. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us
		1. I John 4: 1-2
		2. I John 1: 1-4
	2. The Eternal Logos became flesh
		1. Herein lies the major sticking point of most false teachings
		2. Is Jesus Christ really Eternal God who took unto to Himself a human nature wrapped in a human body?
2. Many religions acknowledge Jesus Christ……but as the Bible teaches
	1. Believe not very spirit (I John 4: 1-2)
		1. Vs 3….it is the spirit of the antichrist….a false teacher about Christ…..
			1. Spirit of a false Christ
	2. Islam
		1. Quran talks about Jesus
			1. Great prophet
			2. Not as the Son of God…..
			3. He is not God at all….merely a prophet
	3. Mormonism
		1. Glen Beck…..I am a Christian
			1. What does Mormonism teach about Jesus?
				1. Jesus is created being

Brother of Adam and Lucifer

Created by a God who was created by another god

* 1. What difference does it make?
		1. Matt 16: 13-15
			1. Sabellianism
				1. He didn’t exist as a person
				2. Simply a mode which God chose to reveal Himself to mankind
			2. Docetism…..means “to appear”
				1. He wasn’t human He only appeared to be human
			3. Monophysitism
				1. Two natures but they never joined
			4. Adoptionism
				1. Jesus was a good man and because He was good man….God adopted Him as His Son
			5. Apollarianism
				1. He was neither God nor man…just a being of some sort
			6. Arianism
				1. Created being….. like an angel….JW
			7. Modalism
				1. God is One and He only acts like Jesus sometimes and like the Holy Spirit at other times…there is no Trinity.
	2. We don’t have any of that falsehood today????
		1. Preachers
			1. Jesus appeared to him as a fireman
			2. Oral Roberts said…..Jesus was 900 tall
			3. Todd Burpo said Jesus was short…shorter than Gabriel
			4. Jesus lies with me in the grass…He on one side and the Father on the other
			5. Jesus appeared to him dancing on a garbage dump
			6. Jesus appeared to him in a wheelchair with blanket
		2. Is that what John said in Revelation when he saw Jesus?
			1. Fell on his face like a dead man
			2. Isaiah…..woe unto me!!!!
			3. Ezek……fell on his face like a dead man
		3. Quotes
			1. “If Jesus came as God, then why did God have to anoint Him? Jesus came as man; that’s why it’s legal to anoint Him. God doesn’t need anointing; He is anointing. Jesus came as man and at age thirty God gave us an example of what a man with the anointing could do.” (Creflo A Dollar)
				1. Would not the angels that sang of His glory outside of Bethlehem be sinning?
				2. Why did Jesus say, “I must be about my Father’s business?”
				3. Why when asked “Who can forgive sins but God alone…..did He say….that you may know that the Son of Man has the authority to forgive sins…….I say to you rise up and walk?”
			2. “Jesus who is righteous by choice said, ‘The only way I can stop sin is by becoming it. I can’t just stop it by letting it touch me; I and it must become one.’ Hear this, He who is the nature of God became the nature of Satan and became sin.” (Benny Hinn)
			3. “How did Jesus then on the cross say, ‘My God,’ Because God was not His Father any more. He took upon Himself the nature of Satan and I’m telling you, Jesus is in the middle of that pit, meaning hell. He’s suffering all that there is to suffer. His emaciated little wormy spirit is down in the bottom of that thing and the devil thinks he’s got Him destroyed.” (Kenneth Copeland)
	3. Mary the mother of God (Luke 1: 46-48)
		1. She is Divine….the mother of God
			1. Why then does she call the One to be born of her….”God my Savior?”
1. John 1: 12-14
	1. He gave the right to become the children of God
		1. The Word…..the Eternal Logos…..became flesh and dwelt among us……..and we saw His glory……..full of grace and truth….

The reason we here in this place hold the Bible in such great regard……is because it tells us and shows us of the grace of God……in the person of Jesus Christ…..the only Lord and the only Savior.