## God With Us - cont.

- Injustice (1 Peter 1:21-23)
- Evangelism (John 4)
- Prayer (Luke 5:16; 6:12; 9:18,28)
- Obedience (John 10:18; Philippians 2:8; Hebrews 5:8)
- Baptism (Matthew 3:15)

#### **Immanuel**

Why did Jesus come to earth? God (Jesus) became like man so that we can become like God. Peter wrote:

"whereby he hath granted unto us his precious and exceeding great promises; that through these ye may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world by lust" (2 Peter 1:4).

God (Jesus) came to earth so that we can go to heaven. Paul wrote:

"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that you through his poverty might become rich" (2 Corinthians 8:9).

- Chris Reeves -

# Sentence Sermons

- Anger is the wind that blows out the lamp of reason.
- Don't let what you cannot do, keep you from what you can do.
- Children don't need a "pal" as much as they need a parent.
- Be in the world, but not of the world.
- Failure, plus learning, equals success.
- Give your body and your mind a bath.

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.

- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

Now all this is come to pass, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, Behold, the virgin shall be with child and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel; which is, being interpreted,

God with us.

- Matthew 1:22-23 -

When the angel appeared to Joseph in a dream in Matthew I, he told him that his son would be called two names: "Jesus" (meaning "savior") and "Immanuel" (meaning "God with us"). Jesus would save people from their sins and he would be God (deity) in the flesh.

#### God With Us

Matthew records that the name "Immanuel" was something that was prophesied about 700 years before the time of Christ in Isaiah 7:14 (see also 8:8,10). This particular prophecy, like others in the Bible, had a double fulfillment. The reference to a virgin giving birth in Isaiah 7:14 had an immediate fulfillment in the time of Ahaz and a future fulfillment in the time of Jesus. Mary was the virgin that Isaiah spoke of many years before.

"Immanuel" or "God with us", points to the deity of Jesus. So, why did God the Son become flesh and come to earth (John 1:1,14)? Was it just to offer a sacrifice? If so, he could have done that in heaven. Why live on earth for 33 years and teach for three of those years? The answer is found in John 1:18. Jesus came to earth to "declare" (reveal, make known, show) God to the world. He came to "explain" (NASV) how God thinks, speaks, and acts.

#### He Came To Show Us God

As "God with us", Jesus came to show mankind the divine character of God (John 1:18; 12:45; 14:9; Colossians 1:15; 2:9 Hebrews 1:3). When we look at Jesus, we see what God hates (sin, hypocrisy, pride, etc.). When we look at Jesus, we see what God loves (truth, enemies, the lost, etc.)

Jesus showed us a forgiving God and we are to be forgiving like God (Ephesians 4:32). Jesus showed us a holy God and we are to be holy as God is holy (I Peter I:16). Jesus showed us a God of light and we are to be light like God (I John I:5,7). Jesus showed us a righteous God and we are to be righteous like God (I John 3:7). Jesus showed us a loving God and we are to love like God (I John 4:7).

# He Came To Show Us Sympathy

As "God with us", Jesus came to show mankind the divine mercy and sympathy of God (Hebrews 2:9-18; 4:14-16). Jesus, as a man, knows our cares and stands ready to help us. And, in Jesus, we learn how to care for and comfort others.

### He Came To Show Us An Example

As "God with us", Jesus came to show mankind an example of righteous living. Peter wrote that we are to follow the example of Jesus (I Peter 2:21). Jesus set the right example in the following areas of life:

- Money (Luke 12:15)
- Achievement (Matthew 16:24)
- Greatness (Matthew 20:26-28)
- Temptation (Matthew 4:1ff)
- Self (Matthew 26:39; Jn. 8:29)
- Weak brethren (Luke 22:32)
- Rebellious brethren (Matthew 23)