

# ***The True Meaning of Christmas***

John 1.1-14

Christmas is more than a personal event. It is also more than a cultural event. The true message of Christmas is all about the fact that Jesus Christ came. We call this first coming of Christ his *Incarnation*. The Incarnation refers to that event when God became a man. The Bible has a great deal to say about the significance of this event. Our text today is one of the most beautiful passages in the entire Bible concerning the meaning of Christ's coming. And the meaning of his coming is the real meaning of Christmas. By looking at the prepositions "over," "for," "with," "in," and "through," we will understand more of the true Christmas message.

## **Christ is God "Over" Us**

*"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him; and apart from him nothing came into being that has come into being."* John 1.1-3

Romans 9.5; Colossians 1.16-18

## **Christ is God "For" Us**

*"In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness; and the darkness did not comprehend it."* John 1.4-5

*"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;  
on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned."*

*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,  
and the government will be on his shoulders.  
And he will be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."* Isaiah 9.1-7

Romans 8.31; John 3.16-17; Romans 5.8

## **Christ is God "With" Us**

*"And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth."* John 1.14

Matthew 1.21-23; Isaiah 7.14; Philippians 2.6-8

## **Christ is God "In" And "Through" Us**

*"He was in the world, and the world was made through him, and the world did not know him. He came unto his own, and those who were his own did not receive him. But as many as received him, to them he gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in his name, who were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."* John 1.10-13

*"Of this church I was made a minister according to the stewardship from God bestowed on me for your benefit, that I might fully carry out the preaching of the word of God, that is, the mystery which has been hidden from the past ages and generations; but has now been manifested to his saints, to whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is **Christ in you, the hope of glory.**"* Colossians 1.25-27

*"I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, **but Christ lives in me**; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me, and delivered himself up for me."* Galatians 2.20