



# *The Greatest Gift*

## **Part 3 - The Gift of the Infant God**



# The Stunning Gift of the Incarnation!



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*Without question, this is the great  
mystery of our faith: Christ was  
revealed in a human body and  
vindicated by the Spirit...*

*1 Timothy 3:16 NLT*



*...He was seen by angels and  
announced to the nations.*

*He was believed in throughout the  
world and taken to heaven in glory.*

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# The Fullness of God

*- Colossians 2:9; John 1:16; Ephesians 3:19; 4:13*




# If the Child in the Crib is God, Then What?



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# 1. There is a New Abandonment



***So He is the First in Everything!***

***Colossians 1:18b NLT***



*“Don’t think I’ve come to make life cozy. I’ve come to cut—make a sharp knife-cut between son and father, daughter and mother, bride and mother-in-law...”*

*Matthew 10:34-35, 38-39 MSG*



*...cut through these cozy domestic  
arrangements and free you for God  
...If you don't go all the way with me,  
through thick and thin, you don't  
deserve me...*

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*...If your first concern is to look after  
yourself, you'll never find yourself.  
But if you forget about yourself and  
look to me, you'll find both yourself  
and me."*

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## 2. There is a New Adventure



*He is the Head of the Body, the Church  
...the Firstborn from the Dead.*


*Colossians 1:18 ESV*



*That I may know Christ and the power  
of his resurrection, and may share his  
sufferings, becoming like him in his  
death, that by any means possible  
I may attain the resurrection from  
the dead.*

*Philippians 3:10-11 ESV*





# **3. There is a New Adoration**



*For God was pleased to have all  
his fullness dwell in him,  
and through him to reconcile  
everything to himself.*

*Colossians 1:19-20 CSB*



*Keeping our eyes on Jesus,  
the source and perfecter of our faith.  
For the joy that lay before him,  
he endured the cross, despising the  
shame, and sat down at the right  
hand of the throne of God.*

*Hebrews 12:2 CSB*



*Jesus said, “Mark my words,  
no one who sacrifices house, brothers,  
sisters, mother, father, children,  
land—whatever—because of me  
and the Message will lose out...*

*Mark 10:29 MSG*



*...They'll get it all back, but multiplied  
many times in homes, brothers,  
sisters, mothers, children,  
and land—but also in troubles.  
And then the bonus of eternal life!”*

*Mark 10:29 MSG*