

Introduction: We are in a series this Christmas season that I have entitled: <u>Do</u> <u>you</u> _____ – **fundamentals of the Faith in the Christmas Account.**

What are the fundamentals of the Christian faith?

The Bible teaches that our Lord Jesus Christ is fully God as well as fully man. Here are a few verses that teach us this truth: **(Add Scripture in your notes**)

The word "*Lord*" here in <u>Luke 2:11</u>, is a title ascribed to the newborn Jesus which signifies His ______ authority and deity.

Who is _____?

I. He was ______ – <u>John 1:1</u>

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

In the very first verse of the Gospel of John, Jesus is referred to as God in the flesh (Deity). We read,

In the beginning was the Word,

The Greek word for "*Word*" is "Logos" and it means, something ______, a _____, reasoning, communication, divine expression, or utterance.

and the Word was with God,

The Logos and God were in a ______ with one another. In theology, we call this the Godhead.

We have here God the Father, and God the Son. Two out of three persons of the Trinity.

It is so important that we look at this opening verse of the gospel of John to understand that John is answering the question of who Jesus is.

and the Word was God.

Who was _____? The "_____" Logos was God. Keep this in mind as we make our way through these verses together.

II. He was in the ______ with God – John 1:2

2 He was in the beginning with God.

Before time as we know it, He was _____ God. God and the Son existed together in _____ They were and always were. There never was a time when they were not. They have always been, and there was never a time when they won't be. God is eternal!

Jesus was not a _____ being.

Look at the word "was" describes continuing action in the past that further reinforces the eternal preexistence of the word.

III. He _____ all things – John 1:3

All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

Once again John expresses a profound truth here in verse 3.

"All things were made ______ Him" All things were made ______ Him" Jesus created everything that came into being.

- First: the creator of all things must Himself be ______.
- Second: Only the _____ God is uncreated

This sounds to me like Jesus the Son ______ all things. Which clearly makes Him a part of the Godhead, or what we as Christians call, the Trinity (God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit).

In <u>Genesis 1:1</u> we read, *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.*

According to verse 3, Jesus made all things, and without ______, nothing was made that was made.

IV. He is the _____ and light of men – John 1:4-5

4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

The only person who can bring forth life is the _____ creator himself.

Oftentimes we see in scripture that the word light is referred to as the ______ and darkness as falsehood or evil.

<u>1 John 2:8</u>, - It is a new commandment that I am writing to you, which is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining.

V. He had a ______ – <u>John 1:6-10</u>

6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. 8 He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. 9 That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him.

- Matthew 3:1-3
- Mark 1:7-8

VI. He offers us _____ – <u>John 1:11-12</u>

11 He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. 12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: 13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

Three Steps to Faith

______ – put your faith in.
______ – accept and invite Him into your life.
______ – a child of God (son or daughter of the King).

VII. He ______ among us – John 1:14

14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Hark the Herald Angels

Jesus ______ among us. He took on human flesh. He became man so that we could become sons and daughters of God. How good is this?

VIII. He brought us _____ and truth – John 1:15-17

15 John bore witness of Him and cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me is preferred before me, for He was before me.' "16 And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace. 17 For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

- **Grace** _____ favor.
- **Truth** Jesus is the epitome of ______.

IX. He ______ the Father to us – John 1:18

18 No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.

The Greek word for "*declared*" is "exegesis" and it means, to ______, unfold, lead the way.

Colossians 1:15-17 – ¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities. All things were created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷. And he is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. ^{18.} And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹. For in him ALL the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ^{20.} And through Him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of the cross

Conclusion: Christmas is about ______ becoming man, so that man may become sons and daughters of God. Everything that we looked at today ______ to the truth that Jesus Christ was God in the flesh. So, we must ask ourselves this very question.

Who is _____?

"Heavenly Father today I realized that I do not know your son Jesus. I ask that you would forgive me of my sins and that you would come into my life as Savior and Lord. I believe that you died on the cross and rose again and today I yield my life and my will to you AMEN."