

McCoy Memorial Baptist Church

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Title: "God Is Here!"

Title: John 1:14

INTRODUCTION:

1. The birth of a baby is a common event in our people-packed world.
2. There was only one _____ birth in human history.
3. Note the three contrasts between verses 1 & 14 (John, chapter one).
 - A. Ver. 1: "The Word **was** . . ." | Ver. 14: "the Word **became** flesh"
 - B. Ver. 1: "was **with** God" | Ver. 14: "**made his dwelling among us**"
 - C. Ver. 1: "The Word **was God**" | Ver. 14: "**became flesh**"
4. Let's consider the changes necessary for the Word to become flesh.

THE CHANGES THAT OCCURRED (cp. Philippians 2:5-8)

1. A CHANGE IN HIS _____ PLACE:
The Son of God went from heaven to earth!
2. A CHANGE IN HIS _____:
The Son of God went from riches to poverty!
3. A CHANGE IN HIS _____:
The Son of God went from glory to obscurity!
4. A CHANGE IN HIS _____:
From acknowledged equality with God to a position of servanthood!
5. A CHANGE IN HIS _____:
The Son of God went from the form of God to the likeness of men!

SOMETHING TO PONDER (see Philippians 2:9-11):

All of the above changes were **temporary** except the last, which is **permanent**. Jesus ascended back to heaven. He regained all His riches. He is again the object of angelic worship and adoration. He's once more on the throne of the universe. But He retains his human nature and physical form. He is and forever will be the "Son of Man" (Acts 7:54-56; Rev. 1:17-18; 5:6). The resurrection and ascension of our Lord resulted in His entrance into heaven and the beginning of additional ministries for Him.

THE _____ HE CONTINUES

One, at least, He's already done; others He is doing throughout the entire interregnum (the period between His ascension and second coming); others are yet to begin in the future.

1. HIS _____ MINISTRY

- A. The promise **made** of "another Helper" (John 14:16-18).
"I will ask the Father & He will give you another Helper to be with you forever — the Spirit of Truth." In addition, see Jn. 14:26; 15:26; 16:7.
- B. The promise **fulfilled** of "another Helper" (Acts 2:33).
"Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear."

2. HIS _____ MINISTRIES

- A. As **Head** of His Body (Eph. 1:20-23)
There are specific ministries He performs in relation to the Body.
- B. As a great **High Priest** for His People (Heb. 2:18; 4:14-16)
- C. As **Preparer** of a Place for Us (John 14:1-3)

3. HIS _____ MINISTRIES

- A. He will **Raise** the Dead (John 5:28)
- B. He will **Judge** all People (John 5:22, 27)
- C. He will **Rule** this World (cp. Rev. 19:14-20:6 with Isaiah 9:6-7)