BACK to BASICS The Truth We Believe! Part 2 – GOD'S INCARNATION

TRUTH FOUR: GOD BECAME HUMAN – Appliconic APPLYING to our lives what we claim to believe about God becoming Human!

We believe the truth of the Incarnation, in which God accepted us without condition and sent Jesus Christ, born of the virgin Mary, to <u>redeem</u> us and <u>restore</u> us to <u>relationship</u> with him.

The Application of the incarnation requires the "gifting" of my life back to God. A real "GIFT" is undeserved, unconditional, and unreturned.

1. The GIFT of my life to God begins with HUMILIATION!

"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit; but in <u>humility</u> consider others better than yourselves." Philippians 2:3

"Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:
Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness." Philippians 2:5-7

"Whoever wants to become greatest among you must be your servant; and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all."

Mark 10: 43-44

2. The GIFT of my life to God necessitates SUBMISSION!

"Each of you should <u>look not only to your own interests</u>, but also [look] to the interests of others." Philippians 2:4

"And in human form He [Christ Jesus] <u>obediently humbled himself even further</u>, by dying a criminal's death on a cross." Philippians 2:8

"Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ." Ephesians 5:21

3. The GIFT of my life to God results in EXALTATION!

"Therefore God also has highly exalted Him [Christ Jesus] and given Him the name which is above every name." Philippians 2:9

Yes, all of you be submissive to one another; be clothed with humility, for 'God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.' Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time." 1 Peter 5:5b-6

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