

# *touch*

## *living incarnationlly*

### *the mystery of christmas*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was with God in the beginning. <sup>3</sup> Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

*John 1:1-3*

#### *we have been given life*

In him was life, and that life was the light of men.

*John 1:4*

#### *we are not alone in the dark*

The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it....

<sup>9</sup> The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world.

*John 1:5; 9*

#### *we can receive him*

He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. <sup>11</sup> He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him.

*John 1:10-11*

#### *we are children of god*

Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God — <sup>13</sup> children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

*John 1:12-13*

#### *jesus understands*

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

*John 1:14a*

#### *we have a new standard: incarnationlly living*

We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. <sup>16</sup> From the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another. <sup>17</sup> For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

<sup>18</sup> No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father's side, has made him known. *John 1:14b, 16-18*

## *incarnationlly living*

*incarnationlly living says, as a child of god i will*

#### *... be life giving*

"Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

*Acts 5:20*

#### *... seek to be a light in the world*

"You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden.

<sup>15</sup> Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

*Matt 5:14-16*

#### *... enters into people's story*

Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

*Galatians 6:2*

#### *... change your identity to servant*

(Jesus) made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

*Philippians 2:7*

#### *... bring grace and truth*

Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ.

*Ephesians 4:15*

*share = incarnationlly living*

## *next steps*

Christmas offering – red envelopes

Welcome strangers

Share as a lifestyle

Serve as an identity

Recommended Reading:

*The God who became Human* by Graham A Cole