



*SO THAT'S WHAT
CHRISTMAS IS ALL ABOUT!*



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“...the doctrines found in the Word of God are not just designed to increase information, but rather produce radical, organic transformation. You see, the plants that are being watered don't become bigger plants; they become an entirely different plant altogether!

“God's plan is for the rain of biblical doctrine to fall on us and change us. We won't become better renditions of ourselves, but entirely different, spiritually. God uses doctrine as a means to turn angry people into peacemakers, greedy people into

“givers, demanding people into servants, lustful people into pure people, faithless people into believers, proud people into humble people, rebels into obedient people, and idolaters into worshipers of the one true God.

“This is why doctrine should never be reserved only for the brains of our academic theologians in seminary. Is it important for our smartest thinkers to unpack them for us? Of course, but these big doctrines have real life implications.

“They're meant to turn you inside out and turn your world upside down. God's intention is that nothing in their path would ever be the same again.

“When you properly understand the doctrines contained in Scripture, they'll transform your identity, reshape your relationships and redirect your finances. Your calendar, your words, your hobbies and your leisure will look different.

“You won't think about your past and your future in the same way you once did, and you'll look at the present through an entirely different grid.

“Doctrine is a beautiful gift, supplied by a God of amazing grace. They're not burdensome, life-constricting beliefs; they impart new life and new freedom. They're the ecosystem in which the garden of personal transformation grows.”

Paul David Tripp, “The Importance of Doctrine”; <https://www.paultripp.com/articles/posts/the-importance-of-doctrine-article>

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- **Jesus is fully man**
- **Jesus is fully God**
- **Jesus makes fellowship with God possible**
- **Jesus makes full joy possible**

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**¹That which was from the beginning,
which we have heard, which we have
seen with our eyes, which we looked
upon and have touched with our hands,
concerning the word of life— ²the life
was made manifest, and we have seen it,
and testify to it and proclaim to you the
eternal life, which was with the Father
and was made manifest to us—**

³that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

1 John 1:1-4

**So what's the big deal about
Jesus being fully man?**

That which was from the beginning,
which *we have heard*, which we have
seen with our eyes, which we *looked*
upon and have *touched with our*
hands, concerning the word of life....

1 John 1:1

¹In the *beginning* was the *Word*, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God....¹⁴And the Word *became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen* His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:1, 14

Jesus is Fully Man

- **Born - Luke 2:7**
- **Grew - Luke 2:40, 52**
- **Tired - John 4:6**
- **Thirsty - John 19:28**
- **Hungry - Matthew 4:2**
- **Emotions - John 11:33-35**

14Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death He might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, **15**and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. **16**For surely it is not angels that He helps, but He helps the offspring of Abraham.

17Therefore He had to be made like His brothers in every respect, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. **18**For because He Himself has suffered when tempted, He is able to help those who are being tempted.

Hebrews 2:14-18

Transformative Impacts

- **Jesus' death and resurrection is enough to save you for eternity - Hebrews 9:22; 10:4, 14**

22Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins....⁴For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins....¹⁴For by a single offering [Jesus Christ] has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

Hebrews 9:22; 10:4, 14

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- **Jesus is the only possible way to have a relationship with God - 1 Timothy 2:3b-5**

3b...God our Savior, 4Who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. 5For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus....

1 Timothy 2:3b-5

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- **Jesus can provide for all of your needs - Hebrews 4:14-16**

¹⁴Since then we have a great high priest Who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but One Who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:14-16

Next Steps

Believe in Jesus Christ as *the* Savior...
as *your* Savior

Next Steps

**Meet with a person who
needs the Savior**

Next Steps

**Tell a person about
the Savior**

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