



Christmas

Christmas

Jesus of Nazareth

Thanks be to God for his
indescribable gift!

2 Corinthians 9:15 NIV

Thank God for this gift **too**
wonderful for words!

2 Corinthians 9:15 NLT

...the one who resigned the throne and crown of heaven, exchanged the radiant robe of the universal King for the garment of a servant, descended to death, condescended to human want and woe and wickedness, lay in a lowly cradle in a cattle stall in Bethlehem, and hung upon a cross of shame at Calvary, that even those who crucified him might be forgiven.

Can you span the chasm between the throne of the universe and that cross? A crown of stars and a crown of thorns: The worship of the host of heaven and the mockery of an insulting mob: There is nothing like it in history not even in fable.

How can we understand...A man with human infirmities without human sin or sinfulness; poor, yet having at His disposal universal riches: weak and weary, yet having the exhaustless energy of God;

*unable to resist the violence and insults of His
foes, yet able to summon legions of angels at a
word or wish; suffering yet incapable of anything
but perfect bliss; dying, yet Himself having
neither beginning of days or end of years?*

A.T. Pierson

*He it is by whom all things were made, and who
was made one of all things: who is the revealer
of the Father, the creator of the Mother; the Son
of God by the Father, without a mother, the Son
of man by the Mother without a father,
the Word who is God before all time,*

*the Word made flesh at a fitting time, the
maker of the sun, made under the sun; ordering
all the ages from the bosom of the Father,
hallowing a day of today from the womb
of the Mother; remaining in the former,
coming forth from the latter;*

*author of the heaven and the earth, sprung
under the heaven out of the earth; unutterable
wise, in His wisdom a babe without utterance;
filling the world, lying in a manger.*

Augustine

In eternity Jesus rested at the bosom of the Father without a mother – In time Jesus rested on the bosom of a mother without an earthly father. God who in Eden's garden took from the body of a man a motherless woman, in Bethlehem's barn brought a fatherless man from the body of a woman.

Jesus who was the ancient of days, became the infant of days, He was born older than his mother but the same age as his father. The God of eternity clothed in honor and majesty was wrapped in swaddling clothes.

*He who made man, was made in the likeness
of men. He who created the angels was made a
little lower than the angels. He who said,
“Before Abraham was, I am,” was born 2,000
years after Abraham died. He who was
Abraham’s seed was Abraham’s Savior.
He who was David’s son was David’s Lord.*

Unknown

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

John 1:1 NIV

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling **among us**. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14 NIV

No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has **made him known.**

John 1:18 NIV

If you want to know what
God is like, look at Jesus.