

**THE PURPOSES OF GOD IN THE INCARNATION  
HEBREWS 2:14-18**

**INTRODUCTION**

One of the great truths of Scripture is the incarnation of the Son of God! Christ Jesus has always been the son of God, but only at Bethlehem did He add to His nature human flesh! God's unspeakable Gift was wrapped in human flesh!

The King of glory, the Lord Jesus Christ, gave Himself to you and me! The Bible calls Him, "the unspeakable gift!"

The incarnation of Christ is one of the several topics related to Jesus Christ in the second chapter of Hebrews. The theme of chapter two here is a continuance of the theme of chapter 1, which is "*Christ is better than the angels*"!

In Chapter 2 we see He is better than the angels because: He is the Lord of salvation! He is the Lord of creation! He is the Lord of dominion! He is the Lord of incarnation!

**So, What Were The Purposes Of God In The Incarnation?**

**God had 5 purposes in the Incarnation that are given to us here:**

**I. THAT THROUGH DEATH HE MIGHT DESTROY HIM THAT HAD THE POWER OF DEATH, THAT IS, THE DEVIL!**

**(VS 14; Cf. Galatians 3:10-13; 4:4-5)**

*(Gen 3:15) And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.*

*(Rom 8:3) For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:*

*(Phil 2:7-8) But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.*

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*(John 12:31-33) Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out. {32} And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me. {33} This he said, signifying what death he should die.*

**Colossians 2:13-15**

*(Rev 1:18) I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.*

**2 Timothy 1:9-10**

**II. THAT HE MIGHT DELIVER THEM WHO THROUGH FEAR OF DEATH WERE ALL THEIR LIFETIME SUBJECT TO BONDAGE! (VS 15; Cf. 2 Corinthians 1:9-10)**

**A. He Hath Delivered Us—From The Penalty Of Sin!**

**B. He Does Deliver Us—From The Power Of Sin!**

**C. He Will Yet Deliver Us—From The Presence Of Sin!**

*(Rom 8:15) For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.*

*(2 Tim 1:7) For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love. . ."*

**III. THAT HE MIGHT FULFILL THE OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES! (VS 16-17)**

If he had come only as an angel, it would not have been sufficient. An angel can only offer temporal protection; or deliver a message or carry out judgment from God, he cannot become a sacrifice!

"Behooved"—means "to be under obligation." He was obligated because of the O.T. Scriptures. He **HAD** to fulfill them and so He became flesh!

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*(Gen 22:18) And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice! (God told Abraham!)*

**IV. THAT HE MIGHT BE A MERCIFUL AND A FAITHFUL HIGH PRIEST IN THINGS PERTAINING TO GOD, TO MAKE RECONCILIATION FOR THE SINS OF THE PEOPLE! (VS 17; Cf. Hebrews 3:1-2; 4:14-16; 5:1-10)**  
“merciful”– means “*actively compassionate.*”

“faithful”– means “*trustworthy*”

“*to make reconciliation for*”– means “*to atone for sin*”  
Jesus Christ was and is the atonement!

*(Isa 11:5) And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.*

*(Mat 26:37-39) And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy. {38} Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me. {39} And he went a little farther, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.*

**V. THAT HE MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP THEM THAT ARE TEMPTED! (VS 18; Cf. Hebrews 4:15-16; 5:7-9; 7:22-27)**  
*(Phil 3:21) Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.*

*(2 Tim 1:12) For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.*

*(Jude 1:24) Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,*

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*(1 Cor 10:13) There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.*

*(2 Pet 2:9) The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:*

**Conclusion**

These 5 purposes we’ve looked at here were for you and for me!

Through His death He destroyed the one who has the power of death!

Through His death He has provided deliverance for us!

Through His incarnation, His life, and His death, burial, and resurrection, He fulfilled the Old Testament Scriptures giving us confidence that He will fulfill those related to His coming again!

Through His ministry as our Great High Priest, He provided the atonement through His blood so that we could be cleansed from our sin and reconciled to God!

Through All His experience as a man, He went through more than enough to help us in our hour of temptation!

If God sent Christ into the world to provide all of this for our benefit...and He did...what other purposes does He have for you today?

Are you saved?

Are you serving?