

Introduction:

Text: John 1:1-3, 10-14, 18

Sermon Digest: The Christ of **ETERNITY** became
The Christ of **HISTORY** to be
The Christ of **EXPERIENCE**.

A. Who Christ Was in Eternity

1. Christ was God the **Son** who was **with** God the **Father** (John 1:1-2; 17:1, 5, 24).
2. Christ was the **Co**-Creator of the universe (Gen. 1:1; John 1:1, 3; Col. 1:15-17).

B. Christ Entered History—How and Why?

1. Christ entered history through His **virgin** birth (Matt. 1:21-23).
2. Christ entered history to make **known** the Father's love (John 1:14, 18; 3:16; Rom. 5:8).
3. Christ made redemptive **history** by His death and resurrection.

C. We Can Experience Christ Today—Why and How?

1. We can experience Christ today because He is eternally the **same** (Heb. 13:8).
2. Being eternally the same, Christ remains **relevant** to us, although historically He is 2,000 years behind us.
 - a. He is relevant to our need of **power** over Satan, sin, and the world.
 - b. He is relevant to our need of **victory** over our struggles in life.
 - c. He is relevant to our need of His **presence** to give us a sense of safety and peace in this chaotic world.
 - d. He is relevant to our need of His love and **friendship** to give us joy.
 - e. He is relevant to our need of **meaning** to keep us from boredom in the daily grind in life.
 - f. He is relevant to our need of **purpose** to make our life count for time and eternity.
 - g. He is relevant to our need of **assurance** of eternal life when our earthly life is over.

3. The most relevant experience that will make a world of difference in us is to **invite** Christ into our life (Rev. 3:20)
4. The **key** to open our life to Christ is our free choice and faith to receive Him (John 1:12).

Conclusion:

1. Christ's benevolent moves for our benefit are basically two:
 - a. His move from His **throne** in heaven to the **cross** of Calvary where He voluntarily offered Himself as the atoning sacrifice for our sins.
 - b. His move into the life of anybody who will **open** their door to Him (Rev. 3:20).

Challenging Responses: Now, let us make our move closer to Christ.

1. Do you need to move from your **self**-centered lifestyle to a Christ-centered lifestyle?
2. Do you need to move from a **stagnant** faith, stagnated by the **pursuit** of physical pleasure and material gain?
3. Do you need to move from your **comfort** zone to take up your cross and follow Jesus more closely?
4. Do you need to **show** more appreciation for Christ's benevolent and sacrificial moves for you?
5. Let us turn any or all these challenges into winning decisions.

TABLETALK STARTERS (For family devotions and Life Group discussions)

Choose from these following Scriptures and questions what you will discuss as a group.

1. **Hebrews 13:8.** What does Christ's unchanging nature assure you?
2. **Romans 5:8.** How do you know God loves you?
3. **1 John 3:7.** What is the devil's work that Christ came to destroy?
4. **John 1:12.** What right does Christ give those who receive Him?
5. **Romans 8:17.** As a child of God, what is your inheritance with Christ?
6. Go over the Point C of the sermon outline and see how Christ is relevant to you today.
7. Respond to the four challenges at the bottom of the sermon outline.

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