Pastor's Weekly Devotional- December 23, 2014

"God Became Man"

The Christmas season can be summed up in one word – INCARNATION. It simply means that "**God became Man**."

It is beyond astounding to think that the Creator of the universe who is eternal, infinite and holy, condescended to be born of a village girl in an insignificant place called Bethlehem. "Incarnation," God**became Man**. How amazing!

It may not have been that the Christ Child was born on December 25th as theologians have suggested; nevertheless, that does not prevent us from celebrating that **God became Man.**

.It is obvious and certainly true that this joyous season has turned into a smorgasbord of commercialism and wanton revelry; still, that does not prevent us from celebrating that **God became Man**.

It is unfortunate that some trace the origin of the Christmas celebration from pagan roots. But that does not prevent us from celebrating that **God became Man**.

If we fast forward to 3 or 4 months later, we reflect on Jesus' vicarious, substitutionary death, followed three days later by His triumphant resurrection; these events could not have occurred if God did not choose to leave heaven to be born of a virgin. It is because **God became Man**.

Why Did God Become Man? It is because of His undying, unfailing love for us. Sin separated us from God. But through Christ, God identified with our pain and struggles and made it possible for us to be reconciled to Him through Christ's Death and Resurrection.

So, when you feel down, alone and distressed, remember **God became Man**. He <u>knows</u> and <u>feels</u> what you are going through. He is not only <u>able</u> to help you, but He wants to do so.

May this day be a blessed day as you celebrate the Reason for the Season – The Christ Child! Pastor Sewdin