

THE ENFLESHMENT OF GOD

Introduction – The all-powerful, all-knowing, and eternal God freely chose to become a powerless mortal with the knowledge of a child. This is the message of the birth of Christ. This is love in action – unselfishly giving of oneself to save others.

A. The Enfleshment of the Eternal Word

John 1:1-4, 14

B. The Cost of Enfleshment

2 Corinthians 8:9

Philippians 2:5-8

C. The Meaning of Following Christ

Philippians 2:1-4

D. The Cost of Following Christ

Luke 9:23-26

Conclusion – The modern Christmas with its cute manger scene masks the enormity of the event. Following Christ is not about keeping Christ in Christmas, but the self-emptying and crucifixion of our selfish ambitions so we can become real human beings.