

Sermon Text: John 1:14a The Incarnate Word

God the WORD became human to restore His dwelling with His people.

1) God's original design and eternal purpose is to dwell with His people.

- a) Eden (Gen. 3:8; Ezek. 28:13-14)
- b) Enoch & Noah (Gen. 5:22; 6:9)
- c) Glory Cloud (Exod. 13:21-22)
- d) Tabernacle (Exod. 40:34-35; 33:9-11)
- e) Temple
 - i) Glory Cloud Fills the (Solomon's) Temple (1 Kings 8:10-11)
 - ii) Glory Cloud Abandons the (Solomon's) Temple (Ezek. 10:3-4, 18-19)
 - iii) Glory Cloud Fills End-time Temple (Ezek. 43:2-5)—Fulfilled in Incarnation of Christ and Covenantal Union with Christ
- f) Incarnation (John 1:14; 2:18-22)
 - i) "became flesh"—incarnation of God
 - ii) "dwelt among us"—"tabernacled" or "pitched His tent"
 - iii) "we beheld His glory"—the glory of the Lord that filled the OT tabernacle and temple
- g) Indwelling Holy Spirit (John 14:15-23; 1 Cor. 6:19-20)
- h) The New Jerusalem (John 14:1-6; Rev. 21:22)

2) Faith-union in the full humanity of Christ secures our dwelling with God.

- a) Christ was made like His brothers in every respect except sin (Heb. 2:14-18; 4:15).
- b) Christ gives us access to God's throne room as members of His household (Heb. 3:6; 4:16; 10:20).
- c) **Application:**
 - i) In union with the Divine WORD made flesh we enjoy God (2 Pet. 1:4).
 - ii) In union with the Divine WORD made flesh we have the meaning of our humanity restored.