

# More Than a Baby

## John 1:1-18

John 1:1–4 (NKJV)

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<sup>3</sup> All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. <sup>4</sup> In Him was life, and the life was the light of men

.John 1:14 (NKJV)

<sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:18 (NKJV)

<sup>18</sup> No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared *Him*.

## Introduction

2020 will go down in history as a pivotal year for the a major change of direction of America and the World.

Last year in December on this Sunday before Christmas, we had no idea what was coming in the next 12 months.

Words like pandemic, Covid 19, social distancing, Lockdowns, quarantine, mask mandates, China virus, hydroxychloroquine

Other words and names , like, George Floyd, Black lives matter, Antifa, autonomous zone.

In this same year we have a presidential Election. One unlike any in recent history that has the potential to radically change the political and moral landscape of this country.

We are still in the midst of one of the most comprehensive attempts to steal an election ever known to man. Battle lines have been drawn, and the fight is sure to get more intense.

With all of this we come to the end of 2020 and the well know universally celebrated Holiday of Christmas.

Usually its a time of family and friends, gifts and gatherings. Christmas trees and lights.

Churches, gather for special services to worship the Lord who was born of a virgin, The Son of God whose name is Immanuel. And many celebrate what is believed to be the real meaning of Christmas. Signs are erected, “Jesus is the Reason for the Season.” “Put Christ back in Christmas”

Yard signs pop up stating “We Believe” It seems every year there is a universal evangelical attempt to get Christ back into Christmas and to keep all the commercialism out.

And Sadly there has been a trend to recent polling away from any religious meaning of Christmas. Whether you celebrate Christmas or not, it should be sad to all of us that our culture and our country is becoming more and more pagan with less and less emphasis on the Christ....even at Christmas.

“a new Pew Research Center survey finds that most U.S. adults believe the religious aspects of Christmas are emphasized less now than in the past – even as relatively few Americans are bothered by this trend. In addition, a declining majority says religious displays such as nativity scenes should be allowed on government property. And compared with five years ago, a growing share of Americans say it

does not matter to them how they are greeted in stores and businesses during the holiday season – whether with “merry Christmas” or a less-religious greeting like “happy holidays.”

<https://www.pewforum.org/2017/12/12/americans-say-religious-aspects-of-christmas-are-declining-in-public-life/>

Some have referred to this as the War on Christmas. There has been a systematic attempt to remove Christ name from anything to do with Christmas.

Even President Donald Trump said its time to say Merry Christmas again.

As most of you know, we aren't certain about the time of the year when Jesus was born, but it's safe to infer He wasn't born around December 25.

History is full of traditions from pagan festivals that have affected and influence the current celebration of Christmas.

All the way back the the Yule Log  
Centuries ago, early europeans were celebrating  
Light and life in the early days of winter.

In Scandinavia the land of the Norse peoples, this celebration was know as Jul (Yule)

Around Dec 21, during the winter solstice, the men and boys would find the biggest log they could and drag it home to set on fire to burn for 12 days. The Yule log brought warmth, but it also looked ahead and gave hope. Each spark was said to represent a pig or a calf that would be born in the spring.

Also dragged inside were Evergreens, the one plant that could make it through the harsh winter. The Evergreens proved that life could persist even through the darkest and coldest of times.

As long as the log would burn, which was usually 12 days, there was celebration, feasting and revelry.

At the end of the fall before the winter much of the cattle would be slaughtered, so they would not have to worry of feeding through the winter.

Meat would be in abundance and the celebrations would commence.

It was also a time of superstitions. As the parties raged inside in the midst of the warmth of the Yule log, tales of demons and spirits outside in the wintry darkness, flooded the hallways among the people.

The Germanic people attributed this festival to the god Oden. The Germanic people were terrified of this god Oden whose nocturnal flights would determine

who would prosper or who would perish in the coming year.

A 1000 miles away in Rome, winter was less harrowing, but the December festivals were just as elaborate.

One week before the winter solstice, Romans began celebrating Saturnalia, a month long orgy of food and drink and revelry. Named for the god Saturn, which meant plenty, Rome's established order was turned on its head during the wild and delirious time. Roles were reversed and streets were filled with drunkenness and debauchery.

Among the upper class in Rome, the celebration was more sober. Many of the influential Romans worshipped Mithra, the god of the unconquerable sun. To this small but powerful sect, the birthday of Mithra was the holiest day of the year.

December 25th. It was said of Mithra, that he was born out of rock in a pasture and shepherds came to visit him.

In the 4th century the date of the birth of Christ became more of an issue due to the misrepresentation of His nature. Some were saying He was just a Spirit, while others argued that he did become a

human, and for that to take place, he needed to be born. So he needed a birth date.

The fact of Christ Birth was not issue to the true Christians, but to some, particularly the Roman Catholic Religion, because, the Bible did not state the time his birth, they decide to designate a date.

The Roman Catholic church lead by Pope Julius I chose December 25. It is commonly believed that the church chose this date in an effort to adopt and absorb the traditions of the pagan Saturnalia festival. First called the Feast of the Nativity, the custom spread to Egypt by 432 and to England by the end of the sixth century.

Roman Catholic Church adopted the birth of the Sun God Mithra to be be the birth date of the Son of God, and declared it to be the feast day of the Nativity

By holding Christmas at the same time as traditional winter solstice festivals, church leaders increased the chances that Christmas would be popularly embraced, but gave up the ability to dictate how it was celebrated.

The Roman church knew that it could not outlaw all the traditions and feast days so it adopted them and incorporated them

The Evergreens were decorated with apples symbolizing the apple that Eve ate which became later the ornaments hanging on the Christmas Tree. The holly plant was recast to represent the crown of thorns.

The Roman Catholic church did then what the church does well today.... to take the world's festivals and holidays and Christianize them.

By the middle ages, the pagan festivals had largely been replaced with the Roman Catholic liturgy and Mass.

On December 25, the faithful would be called to gothic cathedrals like Notre Dame of Paris France and the Salisbury cathedral in England to celebrate Christ-Mass later known as Christmas.

The tension between Revelry and Piety at Christmas would reach a climax when in Puritan England when the holiday would be considered so unchristian that in 1652 it was outlawed and done away with all together.

In the early 17th century, a wave of religious reform changed the way Christmas was celebrated in Europe. When [Oliver Cromwell](#) and his Puritan forces took over England in 1645, they vowed to rid England of decadence and, as part of their effort,



cancelled Christmas. By popular demand, Charles II was restored to the throne and, with him, came the return of the popular holiday.

The [pilgrims](#), English separatists that came to America in 1620, were even more orthodox in their Puritan beliefs than Cromwell. As a result, Christmas was not a holiday in early America. From 1659 to 1681, the celebration of Christmas was actually [outlawed in Boston](#). Anyone exhibiting the Christmas spirit was fined five shillings. By contrast, in the Jamestown settlement, Captain [John Smith](#) reported that Christmas was enjoyed by all and passed without incident.

After the [American Revolution](#), English customs fell out of favor, including Christmas.

It wasn't until the 19th century that Americans began to embrace Christmas. Americans re-invented Christmas, and changed it from a raucous carnival holiday into a family-centered day of peace and nostalgia. But what about the 1800s piqued American interest in the holiday?

The early 19th century was a period of class conflict and turmoil. During this time, unemployment was high and gang rioting by the disenchanting classes often occurred during the Christmas season. In 1828, the [New York](#) city council instituted the city's first police force in response to a Christmas riot. This

catalyzed certain members of the upper classes to begin to change the way Christmas was celebrated in America.

In fact, Christmas wasn't declared a federal holiday until June 26, 1870.

The celebration does not need to center around a date but or even the pagan roots rather the Biblical event. The Birth of Christ.

John MacArthur writes in his book,  
"God in a Manger"

"We dare not trivialize or sentimentalize the persons and events surrounding the birth of Christ, An authentic celebration of Christmas recognizes that the eternal, sovereign God came to earth as a human being to live a righteous life among His people and then to die as a perfect sacrifice to deliver from the wrath of God all who repent and believe."

Prior to Bethlehem God gave us his messengers, his teachers, and his words. But in the manger, God gave us himself."

## Lesson

# I. He is the Nature of God

## 1. He is Eternal

**John 1:1-2** (NKJV)

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God.

**John 8:56–58** (NKJV)

<sup>56</sup> Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw *it* and was glad.”

<sup>57</sup> Then the Jews said to Him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?”

<sup>58</sup> Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.”

**Micah 5:2** (NKJV)

<sup>2</sup> “But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,  
*Though* you are little among the thousands of  
Judah,  
*Yet* out of you shall come forth to Me  
The One to be Ruler in Israel,  
Whose goings forth *are* from of old,

From everlasting.”

### Hebrews 1:8 (NKJV)

<sup>8</sup> But to the Son *He says:*

*“Your throne, O God, is forever and ever;  
A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your  
kingdom.”*

### Hebrews 1:10–12 (NKJV)

<sup>10</sup> And:

*“You, Lord, in the beginning laid the foundation of  
the earth,  
And the heavens are the work of Your hands.*

<sup>11</sup> *They will perish, but You remain;  
And they will all grow old like a garment;*

<sup>12</sup> *Like a cloak You will fold them up,  
And they will be changed.  
But You are the same,  
And Your years will not fail.”*

### Revelation 1:17–18 (NKJV)

<sup>17</sup> And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, **“Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. <sup>18</sup> I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive**

forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.

### Isaiah 44:6 (NKJV)

<sup>6</sup> “Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel,  
And his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:  
‘I *am* the First and I *am* the Last;  
Besides Me *there is* no God.

## 2. He is Holy

### John 8:45–46 (NKJV)

<sup>45</sup> But because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me.  
<sup>46</sup> Which of you convicts Me of sin? And if I tell the truth, why do you not believe Me?

### Isaiah 53:9 (NKJV)

<sup>9</sup> And they made His grave with the wicked—  
But with the rich at His death,  
Because He had done no violence,  
Nor *was any* deceit in His mouth.

### 1 Peter 3:18 (NKJV)

<sup>18</sup> For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit,

### **Acts 3:14** (NKJV)

<sup>14</sup> But you denied the Holy One and the Just, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you,

### **1 Peter 2:21–23** (NKJV)

<sup>21</sup> For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps:

<sup>22</sup> *“Who committed no sin,  
Nor was deceit found in His mouth”;*

<sup>23</sup> who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed *Himself* to Him who judges righteously;

### **2 Corinthians 5:21** (NKJV)

<sup>21</sup> For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

### Hebrews 4:15 (NKJV)

<sup>15</sup> For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all *points* tempted as *we are*, yet without sin.

### 3. He is Creator

#### I John 1:3-4

<sup>3</sup> All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. <sup>4</sup> In Him was life, and the life was the light of men

#### Colossians 1:16–17 (NKJV)

<sup>16</sup> For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. <sup>17</sup> And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

#### Hebrews 1:2 (NKJV)

<sup>2</sup> has in these last days spoken to us by *His* Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;

## Revelation 4:11 (NKJV)

<sup>11</sup> “You are worthy, O Lord,  
To receive glory and honor and power;  
For You created all things,  
And by Your will they exist and were created.”

## Examples

### Matthew 14:15–22 (NKJV)

<sup>15</sup> When it was evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is already late. Send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food.”

<sup>16</sup> But Jesus said to them, “**They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.**”

<sup>17</sup> And they said to Him, “We have here only five loaves and two fish.”

<sup>18</sup> He said, “**Bring them here to Me.**” <sup>19</sup> Then He commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass. And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes. <sup>20</sup> So they all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained. <sup>21</sup> Now those who had



eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

### **Matthew 15:29–32** (NKJV)

<sup>29</sup> Jesus departed from there, skirted the Sea of Galilee, and went up on the mountain and sat down there. <sup>30</sup> Then great multitudes came to Him, having with them *the* lame, blind, mute, maimed, and many others; and they laid them down at Jesus' feet, and He healed them. <sup>31</sup> So the multitude marveled when they saw *the* mute speaking, *the* maimed made whole, *the* lame walking, and *the* blind seeing; and they glorified the God of Israel.

## **4. He is Sovereign**

### **John 5:21** (NKJV)

<sup>21</sup> For as the Father raises the dead and gives life to *them*, even so the Son gives life to whom He will.

### **Matthew 11:27** (NKJV)

<sup>27</sup> All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and *the one* to whom the Son wills to reveal *Him*.

**John 17:2** (NKJV)

<sup>2</sup> as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him.

**John 3:35** (NKJV)

<sup>35</sup> The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into His hand.

**Psalms 2:6–12** (NKJV)

<sup>6</sup> “Yet I have set My King  
On My holy hill of Zion.”

<sup>7</sup> “I will declare the decree:  
The Lord has said to Me,  
‘You *are* My Son,  
Today I have begotten You.

<sup>8</sup> Ask of Me, and I will give *You*  
The nations *for* Your inheritance,  
And the ends of the earth *for* Your possession.

<sup>9</sup> You shall break them with a rod of iron;  
You shall dash them to pieces like a potter’s  
vessel.’ ”

<sup>10</sup> Now therefore, be wise, O kings;  
Be instructed, you judges of the earth.

- <sup>11</sup> Serve the Lord with fear,  
And rejoice with trembling.
- <sup>12</sup> Kiss the Son, lest He be angry,  
And you perish *in* the way,  
When His wrath is kindled but a little.  
Blessed *are* all those who put their trust in Him.

### **Daniel 7:13–14** (NKJV)

- <sup>13</sup> “I was watching in the night visions,  
And behold, *One* like the Son of Man,  
Coming with the clouds of heaven!  
He came to the Ancient of Days,  
And they brought Him near before Him.
- <sup>14</sup> Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a  
kingdom,  
That all peoples, nations, and languages should  
serve Him.  
His dominion *is* an everlasting dominion,  
Which shall not pass away,  
And His kingdom *the one*  
Which shall not be destroyed.

### **Matthew 28:18** (NKJV)

- <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “**All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.**

So He is  
 Eternal  
 Holy  
 Creator  
 Sovereign

## II. He is the Image of God

**John 1:14** (NKJV)

<sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we **beheld** His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

**theaomai: to behold, look upon**

**Original Word:** θεάομαι

**Part of Speech:** Verb

**Transliteration:** theaomai

**Phonetic Spelling:** (teh-ah'-om-ahee)

**Definition:** to behold, look upon

**Usage:** I see, behold, contemplate, look upon, view; I see, visit.

2300 theáomai (from tháomai, "to gaze at a spectacle") – properly, gaze on (contemplate) as a spectator; to observe intently, especially to interpret something (grasp its significance); to see

(concentrate on) so as to significantly impact (influence) the viewer.

[2300 (theáomai) is the root of 2302 /théatron ("spectacle in a theatre"), the root of the English term, "theatre."]

**John 1:18** (NKJV)

<sup>18</sup> No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has **declared** *Him*.

**exégeomai: to show the way**

**Original Word:** ἐξηγέομαι

**Part of Speech:** Verb

**Transliteration:** exégeomai

**Phonetic Spelling:** (ex-ayg-eh'-om-ahee)

**Definition:** to show the way

**Usage:** I lead, show the way; met: I unfold, narrate, declare.

1834 eksēgéomai (from 1537 /ek, "completely out of from" intensifying 2233 /hēgéomai, "to lead by showing priority") – properly, lead out completely (thoroughly bring forth), i.e. explain (narrate) in a way that clarifies what is uppermost (has priority).

[1834 (eksēgéomai) is the root of the English terms, "exegesis, exegete."]

About ad 75, Josephus used 1834 (eksēgéomai) as a "technical term for the interpretation of the law as practiced by the rabbinate" (A. Schlatter, Der Evangelist Johannes, Stuttgart, 1948, p 36, who cites Josephus, Ant. 17.149; War 1.649; 2.162).]

Colossians 1:15 (NKJV)

<sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

**eikón: an image, i.e. lit. statue, fig. representation**

**Original Word:** εἰκών, ὄνομα, ἡ

**Part of Speech:** Noun, Feminine

**Transliteration:** eikón

**Phonetic Spelling:** (i-kone')

**Definition:** an image, statue, representation

**Usage:** an image, likeness, bust.

1504 eikón (from 1503 /eíkō, "be like") – properly, "mirror-like representation," referring to what is very close in resemblance (like a "high-definition" projection, as defined by the context). Image (1504 / eikón) then exactly reflects its source (what it directly corresponds to). For example, Christ is the very image (1504 /eikón, supreme expression) of the Godhead (see 2 Cor 4:4; Col 1:15).

1 John 5:20 (NKJV)

<sup>20</sup> And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an **understanding**, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.

**understanding,**

**dianoia: the mind, disposition, thought**

**Original Word:** δίανοια, ας, ἡ

**Part of Speech:** Noun, Feminine

**Transliteration:** dianoia

**Phonetic Spelling:** (dee-an'-oy-ah)

**Definition:** the mind, disposition, thought

**Usage:** understanding, intellect, mind, insight.

1271 diánoia (from 1223 /diá, "thoroughly, from side-to-side," which intensifies 3539 /noiéō, "to use the mind," from 3563 /noús, "mind") – properly, movement from one side (of an issue) to the other to reach balanced-conclusions; full-orbed reasoning (= critical thinking), i.e. dialectical thinking that literally reaches "across to the other side" (of a matter).

1271 /diánoia ("critical thinking"), literally "thorough reasoning," incorporates both sides of a matter to reach a meaningful (personal) conclusion. Such "full-breadth reasoning" is essential to loving (25 /agapáō) the Lord and our neighbor (see Mk 12:30). It is also the instrument of self-destruction when exercised without God's light and power (Lk 1:51; Eph 2:3, 4:18; Col 1:21).

### III. He is the Lamb of God

**John 1:29** (NKJV)

<sup>29</sup> The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

**Isaiah 53:7** (NKJV)

<sup>7</sup> He was oppressed and He was afflicted,  
Yet He opened not His mouth;  
He was led as a lamb to the slaughter,  
And as a sheep before its shearers is silent,  
So He opened not His mouth.

**1 Peter 1:18–20** (NKJV)

<sup>18</sup> knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, *like* silver or gold, from your aimless conduct *received* by tradition from your fathers, <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. <sup>20</sup> He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you

**1 Peter 3:18** (NKJV)



<sup>18</sup> For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit,

### **Romans 3:19–26** (NKJV)

<sup>19</sup> Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. <sup>20</sup> Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law *is* the knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup> But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, <sup>22</sup> even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup> whom God set forth *as* a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, <sup>26</sup> to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

- I. He is the Nature of God
- II. He is the the Image of God
- III. He is the Lamb of God
- III. He is the Judge of Man

### **John 5:22–30** (NKJV)

<sup>22</sup> For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son, <sup>23</sup> that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.

<sup>24</sup> “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life. <sup>25</sup> Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live. <sup>26</sup> For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself, <sup>27</sup> and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man. <sup>28</sup> Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice <sup>29</sup> and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have

done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation. <sup>30</sup> I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.

## 2 Judgments

### One for the saved, one for the lost

#### 2 Corinthians 5:9–11 (NKJV)

<sup>9</sup> Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. <sup>10</sup> For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things *done* in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. <sup>11</sup> Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are well known to God, and I also trust are well known in your consciences.

#### 1 Corinthians 3:11–15 (NKJV)

<sup>11</sup> For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. <sup>12</sup> Now if anyone builds on this foundation *with* gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, <sup>13</sup> each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it

will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. <sup>14</sup> If anyone's work which he has built on *it* endures, he will receive a reward. <sup>15</sup> If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

### Revelation 20:11–15 (NKJV)

<sup>11</sup> Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. <sup>12</sup> And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is *the Book of Life*. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. <sup>13</sup> The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. <sup>14</sup> Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. <sup>15</sup> And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

**The Almighty God became a Baby.**  
by Royston

In eternity's past a plan was agreed  
and here on earth in began to proceed.  
Mighty God a baby! How can this be?  
Come let us explore this great mystery.

Before the moments of time had begun  
at the great council of the Triune One  
a mighty plan to save the race of man  
was agreed upon before life began.

God incomprehensibly given room  
was then conceived within a virgin's womb.  
Fully God and man this great mystery,  
a Baby was born so remarkably.

In Bethlehem His earthly life began  
He who measured the cosmos with a span.  
Mighty God, clothed in human frailty  
lay there in a manger for all to see.

Songs of praises resounded from heaven  
"Peace on the earth and good will to all men"

Shepherds gaze at the wondrous Babe in awe  
As God in Bethlehem's manger they saw.

This awesome event in earth's history  
was part of God's great plan for you and me.  
The only way He could save us from sin  
was to come to earth and His life begin

For this wondrous child in Bethlehem born  
has heralded the birth of a new dawn.  
God had become a Babe and came to earth  
so we could enter heaven by new birth.







