

I. PROCLAMATION & EXPLANATION OF INCARNATION IN HEBREWS

A. **CUR DEUS HOMO?: WHY GOD MAN?** (St. Anselm of Canterbury; written c.1094-1098)

B. **TRUTH & CONSEQUENCES** (1:1-4 & 1:5-c.13)

C. **SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANCE OF INCARNATION IN HEBREWS**

1. born innocent and raised to become perfectly righteous (5:7-9; see Phil.2:8)
2. without blemish to qualify for sacrifice (9:14; see Ex.29:1; Lev.1:3,etc!; Ezk.43:22f)
3. without sin to exclude need to sacrifice for His priesthood (5:3; 7:26f; see Lev.9:7)
4. effective sacrifice (*humanity*; 10:4f) of infinite value (*deity*; 1:1-4; see Rom.10:11,13)
5. effective priesthood (*humanity*; 2:14f; 4:14f; c.5-10) of eternal value (*deity*; 1:1-4; see 7:3f)

II. THE INCARNATION IN THE SERMON LETTER TO THE HEBREWS

A. **OVERTURE: THE PERSON & WORK OF CHRIST** (1:1-4)

1. deity proclaimed (1:1-3; *radiance, exact; Creator, Sustainer*; see 1:4f; Jn.1:1f; 10:30; Phil.2:5f; Col.1:19; 2:9)
2. humanity proclaimed (1:2a, *prophet*; 3b, *priest & king*; see c.1-13)

B. **INCARNATION FOR INCORPORATION FOR REPRESENTATION** (Gen.3:15,24; 1Pt.3:18)

1. become one *of* us in order to be one *for* us (Heb.1:1-4; c.2-10)
2. fully human: the Son of Man (2:5f (Ps.8/Dan.7); *purpose: serve*; 2:9f)
3. perfected through suffering for *our* sakes (2:10f; see 5:8-10; 7:28 /Gn.3:1f; ie, *passing tests*, Mt.4:1f)
4. took nature *in order to* serve: brethren (2:11,12); children (2:13, **14f**; *firstborn*, 1:6)
 - a. *for* sacrifice: shared *nature* of humanity (2:14-16,9; see 9:12f; 1Cor.11:23f)
 - b. *for* priesthood: shared *experience* of suffering (2:17,18; 4:14-5:3; see Phil.2:5f)
 - c. partakers of Christ (3:1,14; see 2:14; i.e., *sacrifice & priesthood*)
5. a *perpetual* priesthood: Melchizedek vs. Aaron (5:6(etc.); 7:1f; 3,16(Acts 2:24),17f; see 23-25)
6. a *heavenly* tabernacle: substance vs. shadow (8:1f; 9:11f, 23f; 10:1f)
7. a *human* sacrifice: Jesus vs. animals (9:12f; 10:4f(Ps40:6f); see 11:17f=Gen.22:1f)
8. a *singular* sacrifice: once for all (9:12,26,28; 10:2,10); and one for all (10:12,14)
9. an *effective* result: salvation accomplished (9:26; 10:4,11,18; 19-25; see 1Pt.3:18 w/Gen.3:15,24)

III. JOY TO THE WORLD! (see Lk.2:14; see Ps.98)

Brethren, what shall WE DO? (see Acts 2:37f)