



Dear Friends, Family, & Partners:

Whether we read Luke's record in Bethlehem, Matthew's account in Nazareth, Paul's narrative in Romans or Galatians, or any of the encounters people had with Jesus, there was one uniform response –

***They Worshiped Him.***

This year only nine of our tribe gathered here in this room and, by way of a 1999 video tape, had Bob's parents join us in celebrating the Incarnation of God when Heaven invaded earth. Tears quietly trickled down cheeks as Dad played some of the great old hymns of worship ---- and we worshiped together again. Whatever else Christmas does, it provides a chance to express unbridled worship to our King. Jesus is not in a time warp that keeps Him stuck in irrelevant "sweet baby Jesus" mode. Even though the Word became flesh, too many Christians keep Him tucked in a manger.

What all actually happened when "The Word Became Flesh"? Several years ago Bob wrote of five things that took place ---- Deity invaded humanity; Eternity entered time; Royalty became poverty; Righteousness became sin; and Creator became creation's Redeemer. If we ever grasp the magnitude of those truths, we will . . .

***Truly Fall Prostrate and Worship Him.***

No matter where one first steps onto that pathway, it always leads to Bethlehem. *"The Word became flesh and dwelt among us; and we beheld His glory . . ."*

**Merry Christmas and a Wonderful 2016!**

***Bob and Jo Ann Tolliver***

