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People have come into this world by **creation** and by **procreation**, but Jesus Christ is the only One who came by virgin birth and **incarnation** (*John 1:14*). His enemies could not defeat Him, the grave could not hold Him, and the gates of Hades will never prevail against His Church (*Matt. 16:18*).

To the believer He is everything. Christ is the Christian's center, the Christian's circumference and He is everything in between. As Paul said, "Christ is all and in all" (*Col. 3:11*). "Christ liveth in me" (*Gal. 2:20*). He is our life (*Col. 3:3-4*). He is our hope (*1 Tim. 1:1*). He is our true Vine (*John 15:1-5*). He is the source of our strength (*Phil. 4:12*). He is our victory (*1 Cor. 15:57*). Without Him we can do nothing (*John 15:5*).

He is made unto us wisdom and righteousness and sanctification and redemption (*1 Cor. 1:30*). Our ambition is to please Him (*2 Cor. 5:9*), our ardent desire is to know Him (*Phil. 3:10*), our earnest expectation is to magnify Him (*Phil. 1:20*), and our greatest hope is to see Him (*1 John 3:2*).

Those who do not love Him are cursed (*1 Cor. 15:22*). Those who do not believe in Him are condemned (*John 3:18*).

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