

“flesh”— true human nature that Christ assumed in his incarnation. Jesus’ humanity revealed his (and God’s) complete identification with humankind. The nature of Jesus’ birth uniquely qualifies him as the One through whom God brings about his saving work.

Jesus isn’t just ‘like God’ He is God in truth and fullness (πλήρωμα, plērōma: Fullness)

‘For God in all his fullness, was pleased to live in Christ’ Colossians 1v19 p961 NLT

‘For in Christ lives all the fulness of God in a human body’ Colossians 2v9 p962 NLT

Why did the Son of God become incarnate?

He came to reconcile and save us, so all who believe in Jesus are renewed in the image of Jesus, the image of God.

‘Don’t lie to each other, for you have stripped off your old sinful nature and all its wicked deeds.

Put on your new nature, and be renewed as you learn to know your Creator and become like him.’ Colossians 3v9&10 p963 NLT

What does the incarnation mean for us now?

It means we can fulfil our destiny!

Our destiny is ultimately to be made like Jesus, to image him perfectly as he perfectly images God

‘Just as we are now like the earthly man, we will someday be like the heavenly man.’ [1 Corinthians 15:49](#) p937 NLT

‘This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God’s Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ.’

[Ephesians 4:13](#) p954 NLT

‘In this respect Christians are like children who look up to their big brother and want to be like him For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.’ [Romans 8:29](#) p918 NLT

For the Christian, then, godliness in a word is Christ-likeness, our destiny!

Prayer

Song: Build my life / O come let us adore him / King of Kings

Blessing

'The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all'.

2 Corinthians 13v14