

Come Let Us Adore Him

I. The Desire of God & Man Unite

We are not made to be alone.

“One is the loneliest number ... And no is “the saddest experience you’ll ever know.” – Three Dog Night.

God is Love. He is One, but he is not lonely. He is Three in One. Three Persons is perfect unity of substance, will, honor, etc.

He creates a universe. He creates humans in His Image and Likeness. He creates us for communion, for participation.

He invites us to COME. Come to me, all who are weary. Come to me, all who are thirsty.

[Luke 19.10](#) For the Son of Man **came** to seek and to save the lost.”

[Mark 10.45](#) For even the Son of Man **came** not to be served but to serve, and to **give** his life as a ransom for many.”

How many?

[Rev 7.9](#) After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing ... before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, ... worshipping.

II. The Nature of Humanity

Created in the Image and Likeness of love, we are porous. We breathe in and breathe out.

We drink and eat and sweat and eliminate what’s left over.

The world is *in* us and we are *in* the world.

Not just physically, but in every way.

We are Americans, or Chinese or Ethiopians or Israeli or French.
We are immersed in culture and family. We live in a family and the family lives in us.

Our tastes in food, clothing and the kind of car we prefer to drive are all affected by the people we know and even those we don't - advertisements create desire.

We are participants in the world. We are participants in each other. We are made for communion, for participation.

NEW BEGINNINGS

Each time we ENTER, or COME to something, we are changed.

New job, new school, new town, new friends

46 years ago this week, I proposed to Anne! I had known her for a few years. We had fallen in love a few months earlier. We stayed up all night talking.

Woke up this morning feeling fine;
There's something special on my mind
Last night I met a new girl in the neighborhood, whoa yeah
Something tells me I'm into something good.

UPHEAVAL - Everything changes!

My history, my world, was becoming **entangled in hers**. Her family would become my family. Together we would start something new.

30 years ago we **came** to Pennsylvania. Now Pennsylvania lives in us. We are changed. You are changed.

III. He Comes Into Our World

At the **Conception**, the Creator enters creation.

Mary gives her answer, "Let it be unto me according to your word."

And the Word that was in the beginning with God. The Word that was God and made all things.

Becomes human flesh. Just one cell, then many.

God's eternal story becomes **entangled with Mary's**, her family, her culture, her physical traits. Even her diet will affect this Incarnation of the Eternal into the Human.

At the **Nativity**, the Creator enters into humanity, but not just generically. He enters into a young **family**, that of Joseph and Mary.

He is **Mary's blood and bone**. And he is by adoption **Joseph the carpenter's son**.

He will breathe in his **first breaths**, smelling the world he created for the first time. The smells are not distinguishable at first.

Mary holds him to her breast, and he finds nourishment and warmth. He begins to distinguish her unique smell from that of everything else around him. He nurses until he is full and comforted.

The One who comforted her and all her ancestors is now comforted with the most human of all meals, his mother's milk.

He sleeps. The one who watches over Israel, who never sleeps or slumbers is now kept safe and warm for the first time ever, sleep.

At some point, he is washed, scrubbed with salt and signifying he is legitimate, he is swaddled. For a bed, he is laid in a manger - the stone feeding trough. This the shepherds will note well.

When needed, Joseph will hold his son to his bosom and speak blessing over him. He will speak blessings over this son of his, declaring the Hebrew Scriptures, the Word of God, over the Incarnate Word.

The new babe takes in the smell of the man whom he will be his father and teach him to be a Jewish man, a righteous man. Tak-

ing in the character of Joseph, he will become for all eternity, Jesus Christ the Righteous One.

Mary will do what all good mothers have done since time began. She will notice her son's needs and meet them without a word. She will sense when he's too cold or too hot. She will pick him up and clean him and hold him and feed him.

But most importantly, she will look into his eyes and the love in her eyes will be transmitted and received. From her face, he learns that he is loved. Safe. Welcome. For hours a day, she looks into his face and he beholds in her the image of God, his own image.

He becomes part of her and she becomes part of him. In those first weeks, she fills his little soul with love and unspeakable joy and establishes a **strong joyful foundation** for his sense of self.

Years later, that joy will give him the strength to endure the Cross, despising the shame heaped on him by his enemies.

He entered the world and our world, has been forever changed. He is in the world and the world is in him.

[John 14.20](#) In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

[23](#) Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.

[John 15.9](#) As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love.

[11](#) These things I have spoken to you, that **my joy may be in you**, and that your joy may be full. [12](#) "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

[2 Cor 5.17](#) Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

He is Immanuel, God WITH Us.

IV. Will We Come into His World?

And yet the world has not known him. To all who are weary, to all who are thirsty, he says, "Come to me."

[Matt 2.1 NKJ](#) Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, **wise men from the East** came to Jerusalem, [2](#) saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For **we have seen His star** in the East **and have come to worship** Him."

[3](#) When Herod the king heard *this*, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

God gave his Son to deliver us from shrunken, twisted self-absorbed lives, and to give us Himself. This is Life. Eternal Abundant Life.

We look upon His face and become like him.

[Matt 2.10 NKJ](#) When they **saw** the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. [11](#) And **when they had come** into the house, they **saw** the young Child with Mary His mother, and **fell down** and **worshiped** Him. And when they had **opened their treasures**, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Breathe Him in. He is **Immanuel**.

Behold His humanity. Behold Him in your humanity. Let Christ be formed in you.

[2 Cor 3.18](#) And we all, with unveiled face, beholding (as in a mirror) the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image

from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

2 Cor 4.6 For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts **to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.** **7** But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us.

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold him, Born the King of angels!
O come, let us adore him, (3x)
Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
O sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!
Glory to God, All glory in the highest!
O come, let us adore him, (3x)
Christ the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing!
O come, let us adore him, (3x)
Christ the Lord!