

# Christmas: Misunderstood and Missed!

*A Theology of the Incarnation*

*Part 2 of 3*

Philippians 2:1-11

## *2:1-11 – A Review*

1. Verses 1-2: **The Point** of the passage
  2. Verses 3-4: **The Practice** expected
  3. Verse 5: **The Pattern** for all to see
- *Verses 6-11* – *Explanation of the pattern so that the church gets the “force” of Paul’s point in verses 1-2!*

# *What we learn about Christmas from Philippians 2:6-11*

1. Christmas is about an unimaginable contrast: *the form of God taking on the form of a slave* (2:6-7)
2. Christmas has a powerful point: *it is not the cradle but the cross* (2:8)
3. Christmas enjoys little acceptance from man: *it is misunderstood, therefore missed* (I Cor. 1:18-31)

Tonight . . .

. . . One final lesson about Christmas  
from Philippians 2:9-11: *a purposeful,  
Pauline, restatement of Isaiah 45:23.*