SERMON OUTLINE/NOTES

"The Incarnation of Jesus Christ – Its Necessity"

Various Texts (Romans 3:9-26)

Introduction

The Incarnation of Jesus Christ
- What it isn't (Hick & others)
- What it is (John 1:14 – Calvin)

I. What was it that Made the Incarnation Necessary?

Man's hopeless State of Sin and His Helpless Condition (Romans 3:10-12; 8:7; 1 Corinthians 1:14; Jeremiah 17:9; Genesis 8:21; Psalm 51:5; Ephesians 2:2-3; Job 13:23; 14:4; Romans 3:19; Heidelberg Catechism #12)

II. Was There Some Other Way than the Incarnation of Christ that could have been Employed for the Salvation of His People?

Man's Inability to Save Himself (Isaiah 64:6; Luke 17:10; Romans 3:20; Psalm 49:6-9; Hebrews 10:4; 2:14; Job 9:2)

III. Was It Necessary for our Mediator to be True God and True Man?

Qualifications of the Mediator: Bear the Burden of God's Wrath against Sin and Redeem Others, also (Heidelberg Catechism #s 14-17; Hebrews 2:9-11, 17; 4:15; John 1:14; Philippians 2:5b-8; Hebrews 10:4, 6, 8, 11; Genesis 3:15; Colossians 2:8-15, esp. v. 14; Hebrews Chapters 9 & 10)

Conclusion/Application

There was no other way to atone for our sins and redeem us from our bondage to sin than for the Second Person of the Godhead to leave the glory of heaven and take upon the very nature of man (Galatians 2:21; Matthew 7:21-23; 1 Corinthians 2:8; 1 Peter 2:24; Isaiah 53:6, 11; Romans 5:8-10; Revelation 16:8-11)