

Lord grant that we may be able to keep these sentiments in full view, by a living faith in Christ Jesus. Amen.

To accomplish this infinitely benevolent object, he came into this world, and the Son of God appeared on the earth as the Son of Man, "who being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God, he made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men, and being formed in fashion as a man; he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." Phil. 2; 6, 8. He was born at Bethlehem. The infidel and would-be philosopher scoff at the idea of God incarnate, but what right have they to scoff and assert that to be absurd and impossible which God himself declares actually to have taken place. Ask such men what is matter, they cannot tell you, or what is spirit, they know nothing about it; what binds the parts of matter together, they cannot tell—what is their own body—what the soul—what the nature of the union of the two; of all this, and of the plainest facts in nature, let them search as far as man can go, they know nothing, and yet they know as much about God as to contradict what he declares, or to disbelieve the precious truths of his word because of their own ignorant evil disposed nature. The man that thinks himself wiser than God, there is more hope of a fool than of him.

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