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## Cornerstone Church OF KNOXVILLE

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Main point - God is near and at work in your life

1. The reason for Christmas is God's plan to save the world
2. The way of salvation is through God the Son
3. The evidence of salvation is the work of the Spirit

#1:

John 1:1-3

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

#2:

John 1:14

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

#3:

John 1:16-18

For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

#4:

“(John 1) summarizes how the ‘Word’ which was with God in the very beginning came into the sphere of time, history, tangibility – in other words, how the Son of God was sent into the world to become the Jesus of history, so that the glory and grace of God might be uniquely and perfectly disclosed. The rest of the book is nothing other than an expansion of this theme.”

**D.A. Carson**  
The Gospel According to John

#5:

“Jesus did not come to perform signs and wonders as just another but greater Moses; he did not come to heal as just another but greater Elisha or to prophesy as just another but greater Isaiah; he did not come to rule over Israel as just another but greater Davidic king. Jesus came to do all of these works, but not as a mere man empowered by the Spirit of God. Jesus came as the Son of God to bring the new creation, new covenant, and eschatological kingdom of the Creator-Covenant Lord. Jesus came to redeem, judge, and rule as God himself.”

**Stephen J. Wellum**  
God the Son Incarnate

#6:

Ezekiel 36:25-27

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

#7:

“For human beings, those born of the flesh, to experience this new birth that makes them children of God, the eternal Word, himself God...became flesh. Nicodemus could not have been expected to know all that the readers of the Prologue have absorbed, but from his study of Scripture, his grasp of the distance between human beings and God, and the axiom that like produces like, he should have understood the need for a God-given new birth, and God’s promise that he would give his people a new heart, a new nature, clean lives and a full measure of the Spirit on the last day. That is why Jesus told Nicodemus he should not be surprised.”

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