

## AUTHENTIC HUMANITY

Christmas Meditation

And the child continued to grow and become strong, increasing in wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.

(Luke 2:40)

### Authentic Humanity

#### 1. His Incarnation

- *the act whereby the eternal Son of God, without ceasing to be what he is, God the Son, took into union with himself a human nature.*

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#### 2. His Limitation

- Jesus accepted the limitation or restriction of the use of his divine attributes in order to live life fully as man
- in the consciousness of Jesus, the God-man, he accepted the limitations of what it is to be fully human

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#### 2. His Limitation

- He grew physically, he gained wisdom, he learned obedience, he experienced hunger, thirst, sleep, weariness, sorrow, temptation, suffering and death

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#### 3. His Representation

- He lived authentically as a man in reliance on the Spirit in order to represent us as our Savior

<sup>14</sup> Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup> and might deliver those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives...

<sup>17</sup> Therefore, He had to be made like His brethren in all things, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup> For since He Himself was tempted in that which He has suffered, He is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted.

(Hebrews 2:14-18)