CUR DEUS HOMO WHY GOD BECAME MAN

To Make Us Heirs Titus 3:3-7 December 11, 2022

...so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. - Titus 3:7

I. WHAT WE WERE (Vs. 3)

- A. Foolish.
- B. Disobedient.
- C. Led astray.
- D. Slaves to various passions and pleasures.
- E. Filled with malice and envy.
- F. Hating and being hated. (Rom. 1:21-32; Eph. 2:1-3)

II. WHAT GOD DID (Vss. 4-5)

- A. Appeared with goodness and lovingkindness (John 1:14-18).
- B. He saved us (not via good works but via his mercy).

III. HOW GOD DID IT (Vss. 5-6)

- A. By the washing of regeneration.
- B. By renewal of the Holy Spirit.
 - 1. Both poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ.

IV. WHY GOD DID IT (Vs. 7)

- A. That we might be justified (by his grace).
- B. That we might become heirs (Rom. 8:17; Gal. 3:29, 4:6-7).

V. WHAT IT MEANS

A. We have a hope according to eternal life (Vs. 7).

KNOW: God became Man in order to make us heirs of God.

DO: Live like you have within you the hope of eternal life.

Suggested Reading:

Why Christ Came: 31 Meditations on the Incarnation by Joel Beeke & William Boekestein (Available in the LifePoint Library)

For Children:

The Adventure of Christmas: A Journey through Advent for the whole family by Ed Drew (LifePoint Library #394 DRE)

Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

Please Read Titus 3:3-7

- 1. What's the bad news in this passage? Is it true of all people? Why or why not?
- 2. What's the good news? Is it true for all people? Why or why not?
- 3. How does God save us?
- 4. What does God pour out on us richly in Jesus Christ? What does (or should) it look like in our lives?
- 5. What does it mean to be an heir of God?
- 6. What does it mean to live life with the hope of eternal life? What does that look like?
- 7. How will you live life knowing these things?