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## Christmas – Beyond Tinsel & Glitter

he other evening Kathy and I were looking at our cache of unused Christmas cards that we have accumulated over the years. One caught Kathy's eye and together we feasted on its message. We want to share that feast with you.

## The Word

became flesh...

Master became servant...

Creator became a man...

Perfection became sin so that

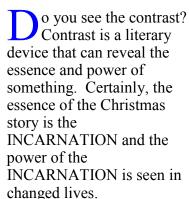
old would be **new**...

death would be life. slave would be heir...

Sorrow would be

joy...

(DAYSPRING CARDS)



Speaking of the incarnation, stepping back from that long ago moment in Bethlehem gives us view to an even greater contrast; a contrast that spans past and future, a contrast between His first and second coming.

The first time Jesus came to earth	The next time He will come
He came as a servant.	as the sovereign King.
He came as one obeying.	as one commanding.
He came alone to live in an obscure town.	with His holy angels to rule the earth.
He came in humility.	in glorious majesty and splendor.
He came to seek and save the lost.	to judge and sentence the lost.
He came as the sower.	as the reaper.
He came in grace.	He will come in wrath.

MacArthur (modified)

## **Prayer Petitions**

It's easy sometimes to look at missions through rose colored glasses. For baby boomers, it would be like equating missions to Roy Rogers and Dale Evans riding along singing "Happy Trails to You".

However, the reality of missions is sometimes the opposite. The Apostle Paul spoke of this in the last half of II Corinthians 11. After reciting a litany of hardships, he adds, "And, apart from other things, there is the daily pressure upon me of my anxiety for all the churches." Please pray for the following:

- 1. Strength and stamina to finish strong.
- Additional laborers for the harvest to fill key World Reach positions.
  Resources to sustain and grow vital ministries.
  That God's reputation would be a second by the second
- 4. That God's reputation would be magnified in and through us.

We are so grateful for your partnership!