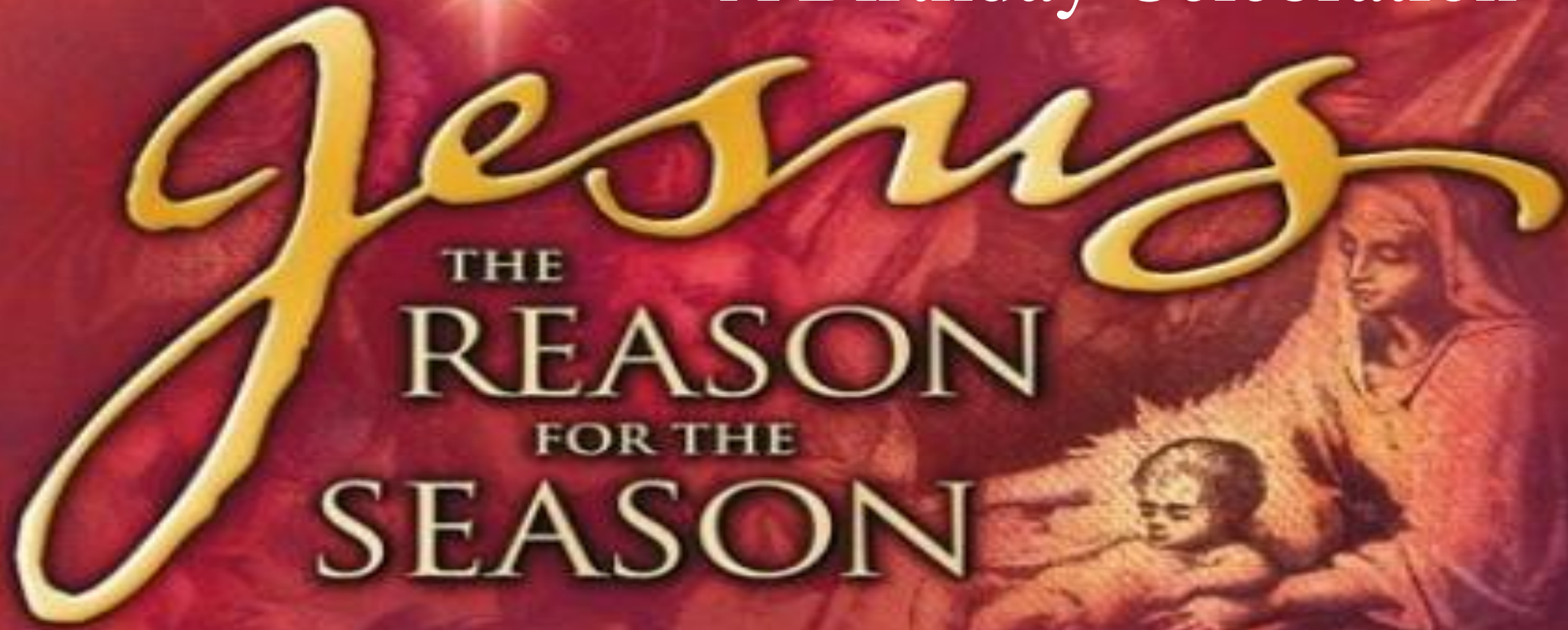


A Birthday Celebration



# Jesus

THE  
REASON  
FOR THE  
SEASON

Matthew 1:18

# Summary of Today's Message

A little girl went to her first Christmas party and her mother explained to her that it was the birthday of Jesus, so she went with great expectations

And when she got back home her mother could see that she was a down and said

Well how was the party

She said oh it was a pretty good birthday party, but Jesus never showed up

# Summary of Today's Message

I wonder how many Christmases you and I have spent and we've gone through all the motions of travel and gifts and a little bit of worship and a lot of food and a lot of activity-and recreation but not much re-creation and never really celebrated the birthday of Jesus

# Summary of Today's Message

It's interesting that the most powerful movement in the history of humanity began with a birthday party. The one thing that Jesus wants from you and me is our heart.

# The Meaning of Incarnation

The word, “incarnate” means, God broke through

The incarnation is the belief, which is basic to Christianity, that Jesus, who is the non-created second person of the Triune God, took on a human body and everything that is human and became both man and God

# The Meaning of Incarnation

In Christology, the Logos "Word", is a name or title of Jesus Christ, seen as the pre-existent second person of the Trinity.

# Eastern Religions and Western Religions View of Incarnation

Eastern religions say the Incarnation is unnecessary

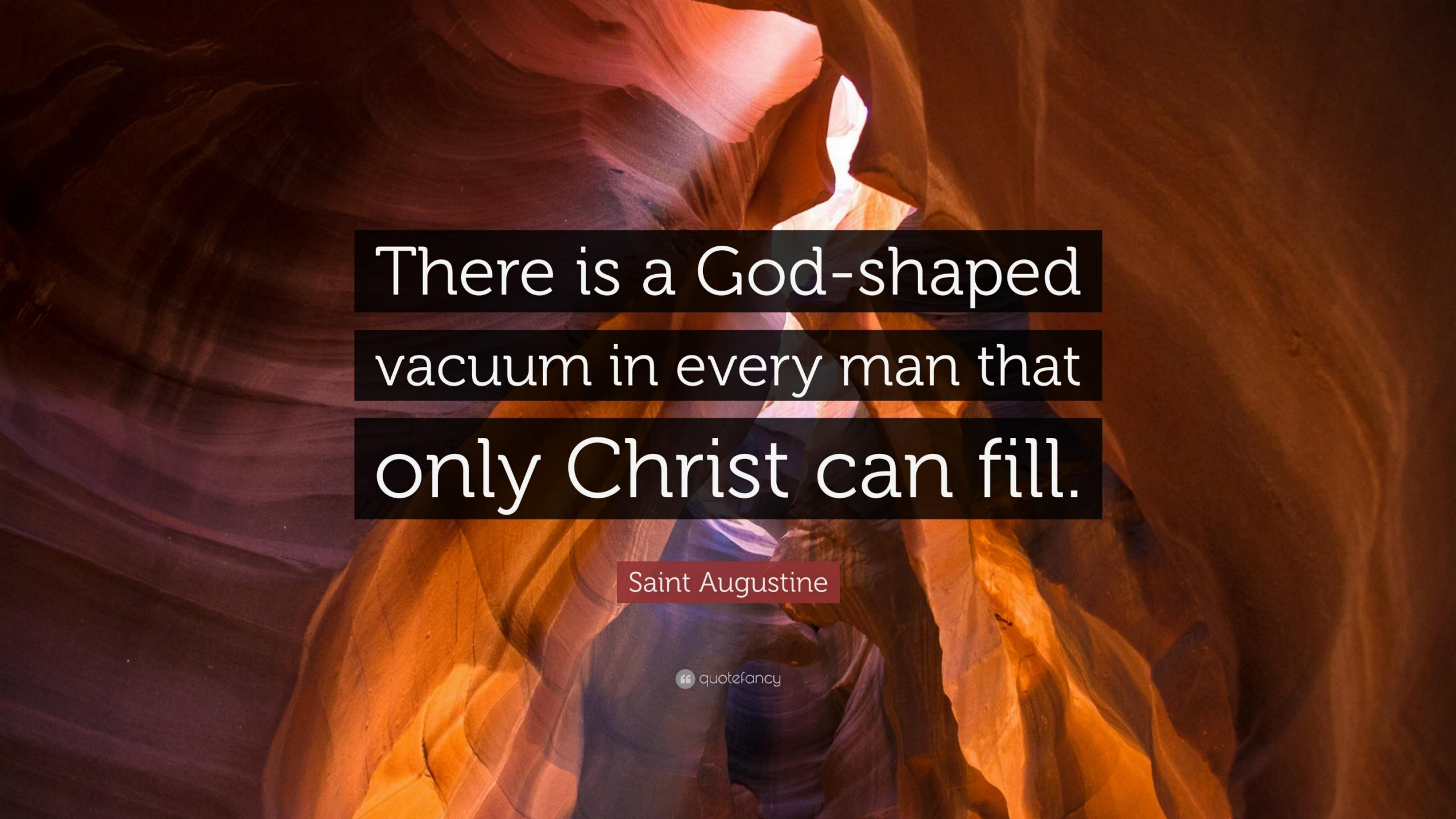
Westerns say the Incarnation is impossible

Eastern religions have a form of pantheism

# Eastern Religions and Western Religions View of Incarnation

The believer believes that there are two worlds





There is a God-shaped  
vacuum in every man that  
only Christ can fill.

Saint Augustine

# Eastern Religions and Western Religions View of Incarnation

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# Pete Maravich



# Two Things Are Going On At Christmas

Children are into receiving and adults are into giving

Christianity is a relationship-it's a matter of surrendering  
our lives to Him

The only thing that Jesus wants from us is ME