

JESUS- GLORY, GRACE, & TRUTH
JOHN 1:14-18

FOR THE LAST COUPLE OF WEEKS, WE HAVE BEEN MAKING OUR WAY THROUGH THE FIRST PART OF THE APOSTLE JOHN'S GOSPEL. THIS "FIRST PART" IS JOHN'S PROLOGUE. IT IS THE INTRODUCTION TO HIS ACCOUNT OF THE LIFE OF JESUS CHRIST. JOHN INTRODUCES US TO JESUS CHRIST BEFORE HE GIVES US THE HISTORY OF HIS MINISTRY, MIRACLES, SACRIFICIAL DEATH ON THE CROSS, AND RESURRECTION. THE ETERNAL SON OF GOD BECAME A HUMAN. SO FAR, JESUS HAS BEEN REFERRED TO AS; THE WORD (THE VERY NATURE AND CHARACTER OF GOD), THE LIFE (THE CREATOR OF ALL LIFE AND EXISTENCE), AND THE LIGHT (THE TRUTH OF GOD & CREATION). JOHN'S MAJOR FOCUS IS TO DRIVE HOME THE REALITY THAT THE ETERNAL GOD WHO EXISTS OUT OF TIME, STEPPED OUT OF THE GLORY IN THE GODHEAD AND BECAME ONE OF US. JESUS DID THIS OUT OF LOVE FOR HIS CREATION. HE DID IT TO SAVE HIS PEOPLE FROM ETERNAL SEPERATION FROM GOD DUE TO SIN. PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THAT NO ONE IS GOOD ENOUGH TO EARN THEIR WAY INTO HEAVEN, NO ONE. THERE MUST BE PUNISHMENT FOR SIN BECAUSE GOD IS HOLY AND RIGHTEOUS. THE LORD JESUS CHRIST SUBSTITUTED HIS PERFECT SINLESS LIFE, FOR THE SINNER'S LIFE. WHAT IS REQUIRED FOR SALVATION? REPENTANCE AND BELIEF THAT JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD. RESURRECTION LIFE IS A FREE GIFT FROM GOD TO THE ONE WHO DENIES THEMSELVES, PICKS UP THEIR CROSS, AND FOLLOWS JESUS. HE HAS GIVEN US THE RIGHT TO

BECOME CHILDREN OF GOD. LET'S JUMP BACK INTO THIS
MAGNIFICANT GOSPEL.

John 1:14-18 NIV

¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

¹⁵ (John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, "This is the one I spoke about when I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶ Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

"THE WORD BECAME FLESH" IS THE CENTRAL TRUTH TO
CHRISTIANITY. THE CHURCH HAS ALWAYS BELIEVED THIS

THIS IS A NON-NEGOTIABLE, FOUNDATIONAL DOCTRINE

DWELLING/SKENOO/PITCH A TENT

ONE AND ONLY/MONOGENES/ONE OF A KIND

JOHN WITNESSED THE GLORY OF GOD IN JESUS CHRIST

1 John 1:1-3 NIV

1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. **2** The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. **3** We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.

JOHN IS ABSOLUTELY MIND BLOWN THAT HE GOT TO SEE,
TOUCH, AND WITNESS JESUS CHRIST IN THE FLESH
THIS IS WHY HE PROCLAIMS THE TRUTH ABOUT JESUS WITH
SUCH CONVICTION

1 John 2:22-23 NIV

22 Who is the liar? It is whoever denies that Jesus is the Christ. Such a person is the antichrist—denying the Father and the Son. **23** No one who denies the Son has the Father; whoever acknowledges the Son has the Father also.

WHEN JESUS IS PREACHED, HE MUST BE DEFINED THE RIGHT
WAY. HIS DIETY AND HUMANITY ARE PERFECTLY MIXED. HIS
DIVINE NATURE DOES NOT OVERPOWER HIS HUMAN NATURE
AND HIS HUMAN NATURE DOES NOT HINDER HIS DIETY

WHEN WE GET TO HEAVEN, WE WILL SEE JESUS IN THE SAME
RESURRECTED BODY THE DISCIPLES SPENT 40 DAYS WITH
BEFORE HIS ASCENSION

THE APOSTLE JOHN HAD WITNESSED;

INVISIBLE GLORY OF GOD = ALL OF GOD'S ATTRIBUTES,
ESSENCE, & NATURE

MANIFESTED GLORY OF GOD = BLAZING LIGHT (SHEKINAH)
AND MIRACLES

MOSES WITNESSED THE SHEKINAH GLORY ON MOUNT SINAI
Exodus 33:17-23 NIV

¹⁷ And the Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name."

¹⁸ Then Moses said, "Now show me your glory."

¹⁹ And the Lord said, "I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the Lord, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. ²⁰ But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live."

²¹ Then the Lord said, "There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock. ²² When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by. ²³ Then I will remove my hand and you will see my back; but my face must not be seen."

THAT WAS AS CLOSE AS ANY FALLEN HUMAN HAD EVER GOT
TO GOD UNTIL JESUS SHOWED UP

Matthew 17:1-3 NIV

17 After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ² There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. ³ Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.

SO, JOHN HAD SEEN THE INVISIBLE AND MANIFESTED GLORY OF JESUS

2 Corinthians 4:4-6 NIV

⁴ The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵ For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶ For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

AS BELIEVERS, GOD HAS ILLUMINATED OUR HEARTS SO THAT NOW WE CAN SEE WHAT WE HAVE NEVER SEEN BEFORE, GOD'S GLORY

John 1:15 NIV

¹⁵ (John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, "This is the one I spoke about when I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'")

THE APOSTLE JOHN AND JOHN THE BAPTIST BOTH TESTIFY ABOUT THE ETERNALITY OF JESUS. NO END, NO BEGINNING, CONFIRMED BY TWO WITNESSES, THIS FULLFILLED THE LAW REQUIREMENTS

John 1:16 NIV

¹⁶ Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given.

FULLNESS/PLEROMA/ABUNDANCE, COMPLETION, FULL MEASURE

GRACE UPON GRACE UPON GRACE UPON GRACE

GRACE IS GETTING WHAT WE DON'T DESERVE, MERCY IS NOT GETTING WHAT WE DO DESERVE

NOAH GOT GRACE FROM GOD; IT WAS THE GRACE THAT HAD BEEN APPLIED BUT NOT BEEN VALIDATED UNTIL CHRIST HAD DIED ON THE CROSS

2 Peter 1:3-4 NIV

³ His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. ⁴ Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

AS A RESULT OF THE FALL, MANKIND IS IN A SAD STATE OF INCOMPLETENESS; SPIRITUALLY, MORALLY, AND MENTALLY AT SALVATION, BELIEVERS BECOME PARTAKERS OF THE DIVINE NATURE

John 1:17

¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

THE LAW THAT WAS GIVEN THROUGH MOSES WAS FULL OF THREATS, WARNINGS, DEATH, AND JUDGEMENT

GRACE AND TRUTH IN ITS FULLNESS IS GIVEN IN THE PERSON OF JESUS CHRIST

GRACE/CHAIRO/CHARITY

TRUTH/ALETHEIA/THAT WHICH NOTHING IS HIDDEN

John 1:18 NIV

¹⁸ No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

NO ONE HAS SEEN GOD IN HIS FULL COMPLETE WAY OT PROPHETS LIKE MOSES "SPEAKING WITH GOD FACE TO FACE" & ISAIAH "MY EYES HAVE SEEN THE KING" OR WHEN THE ANGEL OF THE LORD WOULD SHOW UP, WAS PREINCARNATE JESUS. THIS IS CALLED A THEOPHANY OR A CHRISTOPHANY

JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD DEFINES GOD PERFECTLY
THE FATHER IS INVISIBLE, JESUS BECAME VISIBLE, MONOGENES

CLOSEST RELATIONSHIP/KOLPOS/LAP AREA, BOSOM, CHEST

HAS MADE KNOWN/EXEGEOMAI/TO EXPLAIN, DESCRIBE

PUT YOUR FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST, HE IS GOD, HE IS THE
MESSIAH, HE IS OUR SAVIOR.

END