

Word Made Flesh

Grace and Truth
John 1:14-18
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And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. - John 1:14

I. THE TABERNACLE AMONG US

- The eternal Word is made flesh. Not just any flesh, but frail and broken flesh (Vs. 14; Isa. 40:6; Eph. 2:3).
- He made his dwelling with us. Literally, he pitched his tent here, harkening us back to the wilderness wanderings and the glory of God among his people (Ex. 40:34-35).
- The Word “became” or “was made” flesh. The Son of God took on flesh not temporarily, but eternally. He is forever “Emmanuel, God with us” (Isa. 7:14; Acts 1:11).
- John and the other disciples beheld the glory of Jesus, not just in his incarnation, but in his transfiguration as well (Dan. 7:13-14; Matt. 17:1-13; Rev. 1:12-16).

II. GRACIOUS TRUTH

- Jesus brought with him glory, grace and truth. Glory that eclipsed the Old Covenant as the sunrise eclipses the night, and truth shared in love with no mixture of error (John 4:16-18; Heb. 1:1-4).

III. INTERLUDE—JOHN’S TESTIMONY

- John’s testimony is simple. Jesus is greater than John, because Jesus was before John. He is from heaven, John is from earth (John 3:31-36).

IV. GRACE UPON GRACE

- Jesus fills all things in every way. From him we receive fullness, and a grace that replaces the Mosaic Law. It is a grace that replaces the previous grace, and supersedes it as well (Vs. 17; Matt. 3:15, 5:17; Acts 13:26-32; Heb. 1:1-4).
- God reveals God. God the Son has now shown us God the Father (Vs. 18; Heb. 1:1-13).

KNOW: Jesus is full of both grace and truth. From him we have now received the fullness of God the Father, and that fullness is revealed to us with grace upon grace.

DO: Know and experience the grace and truth of God in Christ!

Suggested Reading:

The Grace and Truth Paradox by Randy Alcorn (LifePoint Library #248.4 ALC)

Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

Please Read John 1:14-18

1. What is the apostle John’s testimony concerning the Word? (not John the Baptist’s).
2. Now, what is John the Baptist’s testimony? Are they consistent with each other?
3. What is the Word? Who is the Word? Where was the Word? Where is the Word now?
4. In what ways did Jesus come with “grace and truth?”
5. Is Jesus God? Can a person be a follower of Jesus and not believe that he is God?
6. How has our study on the incarnation challenged you? Comforted you? What have you learned?