



Sermon: "Jesus, The Gracious Word Made Flesh"

Scripture: John 1:14-18

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Introduction: When Jesus Christ came to earth he cast aside the shadows of the Law and revealed the _____ and _____ of God as only He can.

I. In Christ, God's grace & reality were gloriously _____ . (v. 14-16)

To become flesh is to become _____, in man's present frail, mortal condition.

Scripture: Isaiah 40:6; 1 Peter 1:24

What is the significance of the phrase "dwelt among us"?

Scripture: Hebrews 9:11; 2 Corinthians 4:6

In Jesus, mankind came face to face with God's glory in the form of Jesus. Only _____ remains.

II. In Christ, God's grace & reality may be fully _____ . (v. 16-17)

Scripture: Colossians 2:17; Hebrews 10:1

There was nothing wrong with the Law but it could not supply 2 things:

- Grace: So transgressors could be _____ and helped in their need.
- Truth: The _____ to which all the types and shadows pointed.

Christ, by his atoning work, provided BOTH grace and truth!
He _____ grace and _____ the shadows!

III. In Christ, God's grace & reality is redemptively _____ . (v. 18)

Scripture: Job 11:7-8; Deuteronomy 4:12; John 5:37; 6:46; 1 Timothy 1:17

A. Man's attempts to explain God result in _____ & _____.

B. All the explanation of God necessary for _____ is found in Jesus.

John declared the _____ of Jesus Christ and the _____ of the Trinitarian relationship of the Father and the Son.

This claim that Jesus that is the eternal _____ of _____ aroused the Jews to persecute Christ. (John 10:30-36)

To deny Jesus' _____ is to refuse His explanation of God. The sinner who will not believe that Jesus is God's Son cannot be _____ (Joh 8:23-24)

“Because Jesus is the Son...He expounds to us whatever is necessary for our complete salvation and for a relative knowledge of God's work in creation and redemption, so that we may be means of them glorify our Maker and Redeemer.” (Hendriksen)

Conclusion:

How will you respond to His gracious incarnation? John 20:30-31

Questions to Consider:

1. Why is it so amazing that the eternal Word “became flesh” and “dwelt among us”? What difference does that make to your faith?
2. What are several glorious ways did Jesus display grace and truth in the Gospels?
3. How has mankind “received grace upon grace”? How have YOU received “grace upon grace” as a result of the incarnation of Christ?
4. What attitude do we normally have towards the Law of God? In what ways is the Law good? In what ways does the Law fall short of the reality of Christ?
5. What are some ways that the Law pointed to Christ?
6. Have you ever doubted the deity of Jesus? Why is that such an important point of belief (John 8:23-24)?
7. How do YOU need to respond to the reality and grace of Jesus today?