

John 1:14-18
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Subject: The revelation of God through the Incarnation of the Word.

Theme: The manifested Glory, Grace and Truth of God.

Proposition: From v 16. Have you received of the fullness of God's Grace in Christ Jesus?

On Feb.18,1930, **Elm Farm Ollie** of Bismark, Missouri became the first cow to be milked in a moving airplane. First cow to fly./// did you hear about NASAs latest goal? In an attempt to engage the Muslim world (per Obama) they will attempt to launch a bunch of goats into orbit. It will be the **"herd shot around the world."** RD Feb. 2014 – p 26.

I once heard how that **Colonel James Irwin** (4th manned trip, 8th to walk on the moon) related some of the high points of his Apollo XV mission. He told of weightless bodies floating free in the space capsule, the rising crescent of the earth as seen from the moon, and the triumphal splashdown before a watching world. He also spoke of the **impact the experience had upon his spiritual life**. He said that from the rocky barren lunar surface he **sensed both the glory of God and the plight of earthbound men** as never before. His mission had enabled him to rise far above the rat race of earth. And as he came back down, he realized he couldn't content himself with being merely a celebrity. **He would have to be a servant, telling his fellowmen of a better way to live.** Then Irwin concluded with a thought-provoking observation. **He said that if we think it is a great event for human beings to go to the moon, how much greater is the wonder that God came to the earth in the person of Jesus Christ."** *D.B. May 2, 80.*

READ **JOHN 1:14-18**

"THE WORD". back to **1-3**. That aspect of God which is humanly comprehensible and therefore able to be grasped by man. God Himself, revealed to man. The **word BECAME flesh**. Dwelt amongst us... Full of grace and truth.

In beholding this marvelous God incarnate, the thing that so moved John and caused him to marvel was that **Jesus ""WAS FULL OF GRACE AND TRUTH" v 14**

In **verse 16** he says " AND OF HIS FULLNESS HAVE WE ALL RECEIVED,AND **GRACE UPON GRACE"**

IN **v. 17** He again reiterates his wonderment at the revelation of God when he says " **GRACE AND TRUTH CAME BY JESUS CHRIST"**

And in **V 14** WE READ THAT ALL OF THIS **GRACE AND TRUTH** CAME IN THE FORM OF FLESH.

And the word was made **flesh**

What does this mean. Why not, He became man? There is a contrast here between THE LOGOS as the eternal concept of God... And the reality of FLESH.

Have you ever heard the expression. **"It's me in the flesh."** It's one thing to talk to your wife on the phone, and quite another to have her there in the flesh.!

By using this term John is **not indicating that THE WORD was in some way less than a real human being:**

"**FLESH**" expresses here **human nature as a whole** regarded under the aspect of its present corporeal embodiment, including of necessity the **soul**, and **spirit as belonging to the totality of man.**" [*Westcott in Expositors.*]

INDEED: **Jn. 12:27** *speaks of the soul of Christ when it says* "now is my **soul** troubled..."

JN. 11:33 tells us that Christ..."..groaned in the spirit."

And in **Jn. 13:21** we read that Christ was" ..".troubled in His Spirit. "

Fleshly **body, soul, and spirit**, all that the Word needed to be Wholly man yet He was still Wholly God. **DO** you have trouble following that? **Don't feel bad.**

Paul said in **I Tim. 3:16**

" and without controversy **GREAT is the mystery** of Godliness: God was manifest in the **flesh**, Justified in the **Spirit**, seen of angels, preached unto the nations, believed on in the world, received up into glory."

IT IS IN FACT A GREAT MYSTERY. But an even greater reality.

There have always been those who have doubted that God could or would actually come in real honest to goodness flesh. They feel that there must be some catch. They simply refuse to believe it. **MARK such a one as this!**

I Jn. 4:2

By this know ye the Spirit of God: every Spirit that confesseth that **Jesus Christ is come in the Flesh**, is of God. **And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God.**"

This is a **central doctrine of the N.T. THE INCARNATION**

The **Logos**, retaining His personal identity, "**became**" man so as to **live as a man.**

Heb. 2:14 *crystalizes the concept for us* " For as much then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, **He also Himself took part of the same;** "

REREAD **John 1:14.** and the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

What possible reason could Christ have had in making this bold move? "**that through death He might destroy him that hath the power of death, that is the Devil.**"

He came for a purpose and that purpose was **to make a way of escape for us.**

We looked last week = Rm. 6:23 The wages of sin is death."

CHRIST'S VICTORY OVER DEATH... I Cor. 15: 54-57. CHRIST'S **GRACE** IS EXTENDED TO US FOR VICTORY OVER SIN AND DEATH..

1Co 15:54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.
1Co 15:55 O death, where *is* thy sting? O grave, where *is* thy victory?
1Co 15:56 The sting of death *is* sin; and the strength of sin *is* the law.
1Co 15:57 **But thanks *be* to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Don't confuse **GRACE with LOVE or MERCY**

MERCY is that compassion in God which moved Him to provide a Savior for the lost. BUT **MERCY IN AND OF ITSELF CANNOT SAVE.**

LOVE - is the **motivating purpose** back of all that God does in saving a soul.

BUT- in addition to being a God of Love He Is also **Righteous and Holy.**

It is only the GRACE of God that saves.

GRACE = "A gift given out of the goodness and bounty of the heart of the giver given with no expectation of return whatsoever."

Grace represents what God can and will do for the sinner who turns to Christ.

Eph. 2:8-9 it is **Grace that Saves And GRACE that Sustains.**

Eph 2:8 For by **GRACE** you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God,
Eph 2:9 not of works, lest anyone should boast.

John speaks of this in **1:16 GRACE UPON GRACE**

The same Jesus who **came in the flesh lived in the flesh** and underwent the same temptations of the flesh that we face on a daily basis Cf. **Heb. 4:15-16**

Heb. 4:15-16 " For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; **but was in all points tempted like as *we are, yet without sin.***

Heb 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the **throne of grace**, that we may obtain mercy, and **find grace** to help in time of need.

You have heard about the gift that keeps on giving – **THIS IS THE GRACE THAT KEEPS ON ABOUNDING.**

A RECENT PARAPHRASE EXPLAINS GRACE UPON GRACE THUSLY:

"Spiritual blessing upon spiritual blessing, favor upon favor, and gift heaped upon gift, our Lord supplies his own.

The Amplified Bible... says, "For out of His fullness (abundance) we have all received [all had a share and we were all supplied with] one grace after another and spiritual blessing upon spiritual blessing and even favor upon favor and gift [heaped] upon gift." -

It is as though we are on the **ocean shore of God's grace**, and wave after wave of his blessed grace floods over us until indeed we may say with the Psalmist:

[Psa 23:5](#) Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my **cup runneth over**.

GOD says to us

I will **forgive** all your sins, and there is **more forgiveness to follow**. (*Grace upon Grace*)

I will **guide** you with My eye, and there is **more guidance** to follow. (*Grace upon Grace*)

I will **give you victory** over every spiritual foe, and there is **more victory** to follow. (*Grace upon Grace*)

I will **uphold you in the hour of death** - and even then there is **more to follow!** (*Grace upon Grace*)

Look at [Eph. 2:7](#) **That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in *his* kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.**

All of this is ours, but for the taking. !!!!!

JOHN 1:12

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

(Grace upon Grace)