

The Miracle of God's Glory in Our Midst Full of Grace and Truth

John 1:14

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.

Jesus came into the world...

1. To live among men as a man.

.. And the word became flesh and dwelt among us.. Jn. 1:14

“Flesh”?

- . The eternal God entered time for us.
- . The omnipresent God became present with us.
- . The omnipotent God became weak for us.
- . The infinite God became finite for us.
- . The invisible God became visible for us.
- . The supernatural God became “natural” for us.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman...
Gal. 4:4

“Dwelt”?

- to pitch a tent or tabernacle

In the Old Testament –

- where God's presence would be among His people.
- where God's glory would be seen.
- where God would meet with His people.

The Lord used to speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend.
Ex. 33:11

Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion, for behold I come and I will dwell in your midst,
declares the Lord. Zech. 2:10

2. To live among men as God.

And we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father... Jn. 1:14

... we have seen His glory...

They shall call His name "Immanuel" which means God with us. Matt. 1:23

At His Birth

. The glory of the Lord shone around them.
Lk. 2:9

In His Life

. He was transfigured before them and His face shone like the sun and His clothes became white as light. Matt. 17:2

At His Resurrection

. And when they saw Him they worshiped Him. Matt. 28:19
For in Him the whole fullness
of Deity dwells bodily. Col. 2:9

"The only Son from the Father"
This is My beloved Son, with whom
I am well pleased. Matt. 3:17

Unique, one of a kind, eternal,
relationship with God the Father.

For God so loved the world, that
He gave His only Son... Jn. 3:16

He has made Him known.
Jn. 1:18b

Not that anyone has seen the Father except He who is from God; He has seen the
Father
Jn. 6:46

To reveal to men the fullness of

Grace = unmerited favor

Wrong ideas of "GRACE"
> Do what I want and God is OK with it.

- > God is easy going and doesn't really care what we do.
- > Say you're "sorry" and keep doing what you want.

- > God will never forgive me.
- > God will always hold my guilt over me.
- > God wants me to "earn" my forgiveness.
- > God loves to punish sinners.

Interwoven with the other attributes of God –
 Holiness – establishes our great need for Grace.
 Love – clarifies God's motivation behind Grace.
 Patience – allows for the opportunity of Grace.
 Kindness – shows the means of Grace.
 Wisdom – reveals the application of Grace.
 Goodness – assures us of the outcome of Grace.
 Compassion – provides for the atmosphere of Grace.

From His fullness we have all received grace upon grace.
 Jn. 1:16

"GRACE would not be grace if it were a response to resources in us.
 GRACE is grace because it highlights God's own overflowing resources of kindness.
 GRACE is eternal because it will take that long for God to expend inexhaustible stores
 of goodness on us.
 GRACE is free because God would not be the infinite self-sufficient God if He were
 constrained by anything outside Himself."
 John Piper

TRUTH – absolute standard of right and wrong from God's perspective.

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth
 and the life... Jn. 14:6

Grace and Truth came through
 Jesus Christ... Jn. 1:17

Truth = perfect agreement and consistency with the character and will of God.
 What is true all the time, in every situation,
 for every people group.

"Full of truth"
 - no additions needed"
 - no back up source needed
 - no added revelation needed

Find Jesus – you find fullness of
Grace and Truth!

- Inexpressible Gift
- Indescribable Gift
- Extravagant Gift.

On THE FIRST DAY of CHRISTMAS,
MY TRUE LOVE gave to me – JESUS!