

The Glory of the Word

John 1:14

Joh 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.

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- 5) The Divine Glory of the Word
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1) The Essential Glory of the Word

“And the Word”

Probably the text which most emphasizes this point is:

Col 2:3 In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

He is the Source and Fountainhead of all Wisdom and Knowledge!

He is the Word!

Therefore in verse 1:

Joh 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

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2) The Veiled Glory of the Word

“And the Word was made flesh”

The text from Colossians also helps here:

Col 2:3 **In whom are hid** all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Compare:

Isa 53:2 For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: **he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.**

Hence we read in:

Joh 1:10 He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.

Clement of Alexandria:

“He displayed not beauty of the flesh, which is only outward appearance, but the true beauty of body and soul—for the soul, the beauty of good deeds; for the body, the beauty of immortality.”

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3) The Present Glory of the Word

“and dwelt among us”

We looked at this in:

Joh 1:10 He was in the world.....

Compare:

2Jn 1:7 For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

Also:

1Jn 4:1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.
1Jn 4:2 Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:
1Jn 4:3 And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that *spirit* of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

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4) The Perceived Glory of the Word

“and we beheld his glory”

Note 1,

The eye of the flesh could not see! But the eye of faith could!!

Compare:

2Co 5:16 Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, **though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we *him* no more.**

Note 2,

There were moments when that glory shone through!

Joh 2:11 This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and **manifested forth his glory**; and his disciples believed on him.

Also:

Mat 17:1 And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart,

Mat 17:2 And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light.

And:

Luk 5:8 When Simon Peter saw *it*, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord.

(see verses 1-11)

Therefore, John could say in:

1Jn 1:2 (For the life was manifested, and we have seen *it*, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)

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5) The Divine Glory of the Word

Or:

The Source of that glory!

Illus:

Looking out my bedroom window and wondering why it was so bright?

What was the source?

“the glory as of the only begotten of the Father”

Gill:

“a glory becoming him, suitable to him as such; the very real glory of the Son of God;

for the "as", here, is not a note of similitude, but of certainty, as in [Mat 14:5](#)

Mat 14:5 And when he would have put him to death, he feared the multitude, because they counted him as a prophet.

and the word is here called, "the only begotten of the Father"; which cannot be said of Christ, as man; for as such, he was not "begotten" at all:

nor on the account of his resurrection from the dead; for so he could not be called the "only begotten", since there are others that have been, and millions that will be raised from the dead, besides him:

nor by reason of adoption; for if adopted, then not begotten; these two are inconsistent; besides, he could not be called the only begotten, in this sense, because there are many adopted sons, even all the elect of God:

nor by virtue of his office, as magistrates are called the sons of God; for then he would be so only in a figurative and metaphorical sense, and not properly;

whereas he is called God's own Son, the Son of the same nature with him; and, as here, the only begotten of the Father, begotten by him in the same nature, in a way inconceivable and inexpressible by us:"

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6) The Extensive Glory of the Word

“full of grace and truth”

Compare:

Psa 45:1 My heart is inditing a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made touching the king: my tongue is the pen of a ready writer.

Psa 45:2 Thou art fairer than the children of men: **grace is poured into thy lips**: therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.

Psa 45:3 Gird thy sword upon *thy* thigh, O *most* mighty, with thy glory and thy majesty.

Psa 45:4 And in thy majesty ride prosperously **because of truth** and meekness *and* righteousness; and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things.

And:

Joh 1:16 And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.

Joh 1:17 For the law was given by Moses, *but* grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

Therefore we have blessed application of this in:

2Co 12:9 And he said unto me, **My grace is sufficient for thee**: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

And:

Eph 3:8 Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the **unsearchable riches of Christ;**

And:

Eph 3:19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

May God bless his word to our souls in Jesus name. Amen.