

The Meaning of Christmas

John 1:1-14

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Genesis 1:1 “In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.”

Genesis 1:3 “And God said...”

John 1:1 “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”

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.”

God does not move away from His creation, but toward it. God does not abandon His work in humanity but does the unimaginable—God gives Himself to a rescue plan with His flesh, bone, and blood.

The fullness of Christmas is glimpsed in John 1:14. John put it down this way because he wanted you to understand this has critical meaning for all of us.

John 1:14 “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us...”

This verse and chapter are heralding:

- **God Can Be Known**

By saying “Word” (Logos), John is telling us something. It is the same word that we get the word “logic”. John is saying, the knowledge of God is possible, the truth about God can be known. God communicates through the Word.

- **God Wants to Be Known**

Revelation 21:3 “And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be His people, and God Himself will be with them as their God.’”

What then do we get from this reality and what does it actually mean for you?

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- **Full of Truth**

John 3:3 "...unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."

John 14:6 "...I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

John 8:24 "...unless you believe that I am He you will die in your sins."

- **Full of Grace**

1 John 1:1-2 "That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— ² the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us."

John 3:17 "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him."

John 1:16 "For from His fullness we have all received, grace upon grace."

Revelation 3:20 "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with Me."