

Sermon Outline/Notes

"The Word Became Flesh"

John 1:14-18 (1 John 1:1-10)

Introduction

- The true Light, who is the Word, came into the World He made (John 1:10-11)
- What Form Did He Take?

I. The Word (true Light) became flesh – the Incarnate Word (vs. 14-15)

- The Word came clothed with our flesh (v. 14a; Matthew 1:23; Luke 1:35; 1 Timothy 3:16; 1 John 1:1-2; John 13:25)
 - The Word became fully man, just like you and me, except without sin (Hebrews 4:15; Romans 8:3; 2 Corinthians 5:17; John 17:9, 20-21; 1 Peter 3:18; Heidelberg Catechism #35)
 - John the Baptizer testified to the Word becoming flesh – pointing to Jesus the Christ (vs. 15, 30)
- The Incarnate Word dwelt among men – "Tabernacled" with us (14b; Matthew 8:20; John 17:5; Ephesians 1:20-23; Hebrews 1:8)
- Beheld the glory of the Incarnate Word – Jesus Christ – The outworking of the fullness of His grace and truth (v. 14c; Colossians 2:9; Acts 4:12)

II. The fullness of His Grace and Truth is received by all of His elect (vs. 6-17; Colossians 2:2-3, 9-10)

- "Grace for grace" – Minister to others the manifold grace of God received through Jesus Christ (v. 16b; 1 Peter 4:10; Galatians 3:24; 1 Corinthians 5:21)

III. Jesus is most qualified to be the source of all truth, being "in the bosom" of His heavenly Father (v. 18; 1 Timothy 6:16; Matthew 4:17; 17:5; John 10:28-29)

- "Bosom-Counsels" – No one know the Father, except Jesus Christ, and He has declared the Father (Luke 10:22; John 14:7, 9-11; Hebrews 1:3)

Conclusion/Application

- We know the mind & will of God the Father through God the Son, Jesus Christ, as it's recorded in the Bible – Read the Bible to know God's mind and will – pray that the Holy Spirit will grant you a repentant heart and faith in Him for salvation and everlasting life – to know in your heart the fullness of the grace and truth in Jesus Christ
- Declare to others the grace and truth found in Jesus Christ alone that others may also be saved and know the fullness of Christ's grace and truth to the glory of God