

January Memory Verse: "1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. 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." John 1:1-5, 14 ESV

Series: Jesus Is (3) Title: In Person, God Scripture: John 1:14-18

- 1. Jesus is the glory of God revealed to us in person. (vs. 1:14, 18)
  - a. What is the glory of God?
  - b. What is glory?
    - i. Webster: praise, honor, or distinction extended by common consent; worshipful praise, honor, and thanksgiving. Something that secures praise ro renown; a distinguished quality or asset. A state of great gratification or exaltation; a height of prosperity or achievement. Great beauty and splendor (magnificence), something marked by beauty or resplendence.
    - ii. Verb: to rejoice proudly: to glory IN something/someone

## c. What is the glory of God?

i. The beauty of His Spirit. It is the beauty that radiates from His character, from all that God is. The glory of man is the beauty of man's spirit, which is fallible and eventually passes away, and is therefore humiliating, but the GLORY OF GOD, manifested in all of God's attributes all together, never passes away or fades.

## d. So What?

- i. We must see the glory of God (behold Jesus).
- ii. We must behold Jesus or we die in our sin, separated from God.
- iii. When we see Jesus we see God. (v. 18)

"For the entire fullness of God's nature dwells bodily in Christ." (Colossians 2:9)



## 2. Jesus reveals total grace and total truth to us in person. (vs. 16-17)

Grace without truth would be deceitful, and truth without grace would be condemning.

- a. What is grace?
  - i. Common Grace
  - ii. Covenant Grace
    - 1. We are saved by grace.
    - 2. We live by grace.
    - 3. We depend on grace in all that we do.
- b. What is truth? (John 14:6)
- 3. God gave John as a model witness to us in person. (v. 15)
  - a. John was older but Jesus is greater.
  - b. We can wimp out, wane, whine, or witness.