

The Book of John - 6

Introduction: At the conclusion of the Epilogue, John gives us a summary. There will be **those who receive the Lord Jesus Christ and those who reject the Lord Jesus Christ.**

In **verses 12 and 13**, we see two parts concerning Salvation. In **verse 12**, we see that man is responsible for the light given by the Lord Jesus Christ.

Two things must be noted concerning the True Light:

The first is that the light of the Lord Jesus Christ **reveals to man where he stands in accountability to God.**

The Lord Jesus Christ not only reveals to us our accountability in light of our sinfulness, but he also, by His Light, **reveals to us His perfection.**

When we think about this blessed fact, we come to realize that the Lord Jesus Christ:

- The Lord Jesus Christ walked righteously, fulfilling **all principles and precepts of the Law.**
- The Lord Jesus Christ fulfills all prophecies concerning God's redemptive plan and the Messiah.
- All pictures and types are fulfilled in the Lord Jesus Christ. i.e., The Ark, The Tabernacle, The Sacrificial Lamb, The person of Joseph, The person of Isaac, etc...
- All that is spoken about concerning the wisdom of God given in the Psalms and Proverbs is fulfilled by the Lord Jesus Christ.

He thus fulfilled all righteousness. (**Matthew 3:15** - deals with the Lord Jesus Christ's baptism but expresses this particular phrase.)

In **verse 13**, if you were to take out the three negative statements, you would see the positive statement: "*Which were born.... of God...*"

Then as we continued through this passage, we came to this last tremendous and profound summary statement.

*v14 **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.***"

10. The Word **was made Flesh.**

This is undoubtedly a profound mystery concerning the Lord Jesus Christ. God became man without ceasing to be God.

As we discussed, four statements are made here in this verse.

1. The Word was made flesh.
2. The Word, by His incarnation, dwelt among us.
3. The Lord Jesus Christ's glory was beheld and this glory was as of the only begotten of the Father.
4. The Lord Jesus Christ is full of grace and truth.

The Bible says in speaking about the Lord's marvelous humility, *"For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes, he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich."* **II Corinthians 8:9**

It is often referred to as His humiliation. Notice these two verses that speak to the importance of this statement:

I John 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."*

II John 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."*

11. The Word by His incarnation _____ among us.

This is an obvious statement that is accepted by folks. However, it is not just anyone that dwelt with us; instead, **it is that God dwelt with us.**

In this verse, the Holy Spirit gives us a precious key to understanding this truth by backing the Lord's advent with all the history of the Scriptures. You might be thinking, what do you mean by that?

As we go back into the Old Testament and study the Scriptures, we come to a particular part of the Scriptures when God formed and called a nation out of Egypt. We rightly call them the nation of Israel.

That nation indeed came out of the loins of Abraham and out of Egypt according to God's promise in **Genesis 15**. During this time, God commanded them to build and erect a Tabernacle. This tabernacle was where **the people of God met with God**. The Tabernacle was specifically patterned by God...

In **Exodus 25:39-40** *"According to all that I shew thee, after the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make it. And look that thou make them after their pattern, which was shewed thee in the mount."*

And so, the idea is that this meeting place, this tent was of God's design; it was specific to His pattern.

Hebrews 9:8-12 *“The Holy Ghost this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing: Which was a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience; Which stood only in meats and drinks, and divers washings, and carnal ordinances, imposed on them until the time of reformation. But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, **by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands**, that is to say, not of this building; Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.”*

This better, more perfect tabernacle was of God’s making. God pitched His tent with man when the Word was made flesh.

Then thirdly, notice remarkably that the Bible says, “... (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father) ... What is meant by this? The word ‘**beheld**’ gives the idea of continual examination or gazing.

We are reminded again of John’s testimony in I John, where he states, “**1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life;**” (I John 1:1)

Just as the shekinah glory rested upon the Tabernacle, the Lord of glory dwelt among us, and these disciples beheld Him. What did they discover in their examination of the Lord Jesus Christ? Was He an imposter? Was He a blasphemer? Was He a wine bibber? Was He a troublemaker? No, the Bible says, He is “...*full of grace and truth.*”

11. The Lord Jesus Christ is full of _____ and _____.

In His expository comments, John Philips stated, “Grace corresponds with the revelation that God is love truth corresponds with the revelation of God as light.”

Truth without grace gives us condemnation. The letter of the Law spelled condemnation for man. And this, my friend, is truth. It expresses His perfection. It expresses that there is absolute right according to the moral lawgiver of all creation.

The law is just and holy, but the Lord Jesus Christ was not just full of truth, but thank the Lord He is **full of grace... unending grace**. So much so we find these words in summary of John the Baptist’s testimony in **verse 16**, “*And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.*”

We see He is full of truth.... perfection to the infinite degree... and grace to the endless degree. Oh, how marvelous the Savior is!

We all are like doubting Thomas... seeing this glorious truth and exclaiming with all with have, “My Lord and My God!”