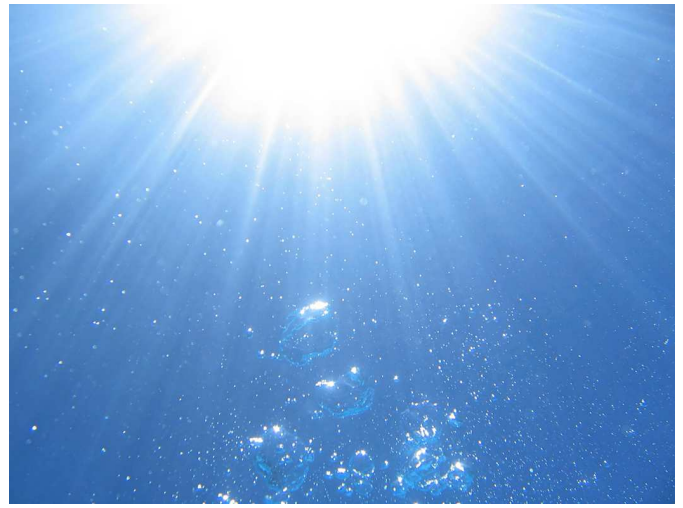


# 'The Son of God and the Lord of Glory Series'

## Sermons in the Gospel of John

### Message 10 - 'Glory, Grace and Truth' John 1: 14b



In the verse here, we can see that in Christ we find all that we need. He is the foundation on which we are to build. In Him we find glory, grace, and truth. In Him we find our meaning, our purpose, He is the basis on which we can know God and be brought into a right relationship with Him. In Him our true situation is revealed, and in Him the true solution is given. So, we need to consider the following things:

**Christ is Full of Glory** - When Christ came He tabernacled, or pitched His tent among us, He did so in order that people might see Him, and through Him know God. 'And we beheld His glory'. The purpose of John's Gospel is revealed, that Jesus came that He might reveal His glory and as a result that we should believe on Him. Have you beheld His glory? Have you seen Him as the Son of God and the Lord of Glory? If you have you are called to bear witness to Him as John and the other disciples. Can you speak of His working in your life? Woe to me the days when I forget what Christ has done! Believer, how much we have to rejoice in our position in Christ, that we can know Him, the Son of God and the Lord of glory. That we have been given such a testimony of God's dealings with us as He drew us to Himself, and what a vision we have of Christ, glorious!

**Christ is Full of Grace** - John says here that Jesus was full of grace, it is revealed to us in Him. The glorious grace of God that is simply the unmerited favour of God towards sinners. Romans 5:8, '*But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*' God's nature to be gracious, and He is gracious to us on the point alone, not because we in any way deserve His favour. God does not owe man anything. Seeing the importance and reality of this makes us see that every good gift is from above whether you acknowledge it or not. Yet common grace cannot save you, it was not designed to save you, but it does underline the perfection and graciousness of a glorious God. This common grace is marvellous in itself, but the grace of God that is revealed in Jesus Christ surpasses it in its wonder. This grace is called 'saving grace'. God in His grace draws sinners from the darkness, removes the scales from their eyes, so that they can gaze clearly upon their situation of sin, their need of the Saviour, and the way in which He has atoned for sin, so those who come in repentance and faith, can now real forgiveness and peace with God. The grace of God is wonderful, and those who come to the Lord Jesus Christ, experience the provision of God in such a way that they can only bow before Him with immense love and gratitude. Have you experienced the grace of God? It is found by coming to the Lord Jesus Christ who is full of grace.

**Christ is Full of Truth** - John speaks of truth very often in his writings. In almost every case that he refers to it, he is speaking of it in relation to the very character of God. The Triune God is Truth, all of the persons of the Trinity are purest truth, and everything that takes its nature from God is truth. That is why standing for the truth of God's Word is so essential! We are not about dealings with the opinions of men when we come to doctrine as contained in the Bible. This is God's truth. In an age when the world says all truth is relative, the Bible is in opposition, and says that God is truth, absolute truth. A person's eternal destiny will depend on his reaction and relationship to the eternal truth that is embodied in the person and work in the Lord Jesus Christ. How does this affect us? When we are faced with the truth in Christ, His perfection reveals our great imperfection. When we are faced with the truth in Christ, He reveals truth about God. When we are faced with the truth in Christ, He reveals our need of a Saviour. So, what do you believe?



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