

Providence Reformed Baptist Church – Sunday, December 24, 2023

Sermon Series: The Light of Men – John 1:1-18

Message 4. “The Light of His Glory” – John 1:14-18

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- I. Incarnation – vs. 14
 - A. Immanuel
 - 1. God with Us – Matt. 1:23
 - 2. Unto us a Child is born – Isa. 9:6-7
 - B. In-Fleshing – Quote #1 – Heb. 1:1-2
 - 1. The Condescension of Jesus – Phil. 2:5-11
 - 2. Tabernacled – dwelt among us – 2 Peter 1:13-14
 - C. Illumination
 - 1. We beheld His glory – John 2:11; 2 Cor. 3:18
 - a. The glory of the Lord filled the Tabernacle – Exodus 24:16; 40:34-35
 - b. The glory of the Lord filled the Temple – Isa. 6:1
 - c. The glory of the Lord now fills a Man – the ultimate manifestation of the presence of God among human beings
 - 2. Glory of the One and Only
 - a. Glory – the visible manifestation of God’s self-disclosure in a theophany – Exodus 33:22; Deut. 5:22; John 17:5, 24; Acts 7:55
 - b. The Only Begotten – Gk: *monogenes* – unique, one of a kind
 - 1) John 3:16 (French) – “a donne son Fils unique” – gave His only Son
 - 2) The Uniqueness of Christ
 - a) No other name – Acts 4:12
 - b) No other Way – John 14:6
 - c) No other Mediator – 1 Tim. 2:15
 - d) No one born like Him – Matt. 1:18-24
 - e) No other God but Him!
 - 3. Full of Grace and Truth – Exodus 33:18-19; 34:5-7
 - a. Grace
 - 1) “Favor shown to one who deserves the opposite” – HA Ironside
 - 2) Demonstrated in Romans 5:8
 - 3) All men receive God’s grace to some degree
 - a) Common grace spares all men for a time
 - b) Saving grace spares some men for all time
 - b. Truth (used 24x in John’s writings)
 - 1) God’s character
 - a) Father – Deut. 32:4; Isa. 65:16
 - b) Son – John 14:6, 17
 - c) Spirit – John 16:13
 - d) God’s Word – John 17:17
 - 2) Faithfulness
- II. Identification – vs. 15
 - A. John Bore Witness – John 1:29, 35-36
 - B. This was He
 - 1. He comes after me – birth and ministry
 - 2. He has been ahead of me – rank, position
 - 3. He existed before Me – the pre-existence of Christ – “before I was born He already was”

- III. Illustration – vs. 16-18 - “to provide with visual features intended to explain”
 - A. His Fullness – measure of Deity – Col. 2:9
 - B. Grace upon Grace
 - 1. Moses gave the Law – grace that drive us to Christ – Gal. 3:13-14
 - 2. Jesus gives grace and truth – grace that gives us the fulfillment – Matt. 5:17-18
 - C. Jesus is the Exegesis of God
 - 1. No one has seen the Father
 - 2. The One with God (vs. 1) in His bosom explains Him – Gk: *exegenomai* – reveal, explain, make known, describe – Col. 1:15
 - 3. Jesus was made the “description of God” – John 14:8-15
 - 4. Quote #2
- IV. Application
 - A. Have you beheld His glory? It is not obvious to all. It requires the eyes of faith to see.
 - B. Worship – *The Everlasting Word* (hymn)

Quotes

1. “God’s Word, His self-expression, has become flesh – one of us. This is the supreme revelation of God to man.” – DA Carson
2. “As Jesus gives lie and is life, raises the dead and is the resurrection, gives bread and is bread, speaks truth and is the truth, so as He speaks the Word He is the Word.” – CH Dodd

Cross References

Matthew 1:23

23 “Behold, the virgin shall be with child and shall bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which translated means, “God with us.”

Isaiah 9:6-7

6 For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. 7 There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, On the throne of David and over his kingdom, To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness From then on and forevermore. The zeal of Yahweh of hosts will accomplish this.

Hebrews 1:1-2

1 God, having spoken long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, 2 in these last days spoke to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds,

Philippians 2:5-11

5 Have this way of thinking in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, although existing in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied Himself, by taking the form of a slave, by being made in the likeness of men. 8 Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9 Therefore, God also highly

exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

2 Peter 1:13-14

13 I consider it right, as long as I am in this earthly dwelling, to stir you up by way of reminder, 14 knowing that the laying aside of my earthly dwelling is imminent, as also our Lord Jesus Christ has indicated to me.

John 2:11

11 Jesus did this in Cana of Galilee as the beginning of His signs, and manifested His glory, and His disciples believed in Him.

2 Corinthians 3:18

18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

Exodus 24:16

16 And the glory of Yahweh dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; and on the seventh day He called to Moses from the midst of the cloud.

Exodus 40:34-35

34 Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of Yahweh filled the tabernacle. 35 And Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud had dwelt on it, and the glory of Yahweh filled the tabernacle.

Isaiah 6:1

6 In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, with the train of His robe filling the temple.

Exodus 33:22

22 and it will come about, while My glory is passing by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock and cover you with My hand until I have passed by.

Deuteronomy 5:22

22 "These words Yahweh spoke to all your assembly at the mountain from the midst of the fire, of the cloud and of the dense gloom, with a great voice, and He added no more. He wrote them on two tablets of stone and gave them to me.

John 17:5

5 Now, Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

John 17:24

24 Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, be with Me where I am, so that they may see My glory which You have given Me, for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.

Acts 7:55

55 But being full of the Holy Spirit, he gazed intently into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God;

Acts 4:12

12 And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.”

John 14:6

6 Jesus *said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father but through Me.

1 Timothy 2:15

15 But she will be saved through the bearing of children, if they continue in faith and love and sanctification with self-restraint.

Matthew 1:18-24

18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: when His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit. 19 And Joseph her husband, being a righteous man and not wanting to disgrace her, planned to send her away secretly. 20 But when he had considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for the One who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. 21 And she will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.” 22 Now all this took place in order that what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet would be fulfilled, saying, 23 “Behold, the virgin shall be with child and shall bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which translated means, “God with us.” 24 And Joseph got up from his sleep and did as the angel of the Lord commanded him, and took Mary as his wife,

Exodus 33:18-19

18 Then Moses said, “I pray You, show me Your glory!” 19 And He said, “I Myself will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of Yahweh before you; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will show compassion on whom I will show compassion.”

Exodus 34:5-7

5 Then Yahweh descended in the cloud and stood there with him, and He called upon the name of Yahweh. 6 Then Yahweh passed by in front of him and called out, “Yahweh, Yahweh God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth; 7 who keeps lovingkindness for thousands, who forgives iniquity, transgression, and sin; yet He will by no means leave

the guilty unpunished, visiting the iniquity of fathers on the children and on the grandchildren to the third and fourth generations.”

Romans 5:8

8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Deuteronomy 32:4

4 The Rock! His work is perfect, For all His ways are just; A God of faithfulness and without injustice, Righteous and upright is He.

Isaiah 65:16

16 Because he who is blessed in the earth Will be blessed by the God of truth, And he who swears in the earth Will swear by the God of truth; Because the former distresses are forgotten, And because they are hidden from My sight!

John 14:6

6 Jesus *said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father but through Me.

John 14:17

17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him. You know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.

John 16:13

13 But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak from Himself, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.

John 17:17

17 Sanctify them by the truth; Your word is truth.

John 1:29

29 On the next day, he *saw Jesus coming to him and *said, “Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

John 1:35-36

Behold, the Lamb of God

35 On the next day, John again was standing with two of his disciples, 36 and he looked at Jesus as He walked, and *said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!”

Colossians 2:9

9 For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells bodily,

Galatians 3:13-14

13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree”— 14 in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we would receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

Matthew 5:17-18

17 “Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish but to fulfill. 18 For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass from the Law until all is accomplished.

Colossians 1:15

15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

John 14:8-15

8 Philip *said to Him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” 9 Jesus *said to him, “Have I been with you all so long and have you not come to know Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; how can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? 10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak from Myself, but the Father abiding in Me does His works. 11 Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me; otherwise believe because of the works themselves. 12 Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and greater works than these he will do because I go to the Father. 13 Whatever you ask in My name, this will I do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it. 15 “If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.