

John 1:14
Jesus is the Greatest Display of God's Glory
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Sermon Outline

Notes:

I. Introduction

John 1:14

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*.

- A. The Good News of Jesus Christ:
 - 1. God – Creator
 - 2. Man – Created in God's Image/Sin
 - 3. **Jesus**
 - 4. Response
- B. Do You See the Glory of God in Jesus?

(Cf. 2 Corinthians 3:17-18; 4:4, 6)

“Are you becoming more like Jesus? Are the contours of your character being shaped by his image, formed in his likeness? Do you increasingly hate sin and love righteousness, as he already does perfectly? Are you growing in humility and self-giving, which he has practiced flawlessly? Are you making progress in loving and serving others, as he has always done in perfection? Ongoing transformation is possible for you. You can become more and more like Jesus Christ. But there is only one way: through your increasing understanding and application of the gospel.”¹

Key Idea

All true Christians experience genuine spiritual growth in Christ-likeness as a result of and a response to an ever increasing understanding and application of the gospel.

¹ Hedges, Brian G. (2010). Christ Formed in You (Kindle Locations 520-524). Shepherd Press. Kindle Edition.

Matthew 7:21–23 (Cf. Hebrews 11:6)

²¹ “**Not everyone** who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, *but the one who does the will of my Father* who is in heaven. ²² On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ ²³ And then will I declare to them, ‘*I never knew you; depart from me, you **workers of lawlessness.***’

II. Who is Jesus?

A. Jesus is God & Man

Hebrews 1:1–3a

¹ Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ² *but in these last days he has spoken to us by **his Son**, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.* ³ **He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.** ...

1. Upheld by the power of his Word (God)
2. The radiance of God’s glory (Man)

Colossians 1:15a

¹⁵ [Jesus] is the **image** of the *invisible God*...

B. Jesus is the Savior & King

Hebrews 1:3b

*...he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making **purification for sins**, he sat down at the right hand of the **Majesty on high**...*

III. The Glory of God’s Character (Mercy & Justice)

Exodus 34:5–7

⁵ The Lord descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed **the name** of the Lord. ⁶ The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, “The Lord, the Lord, a God *merciful and gracious*, slow to anger, and abounding in *steadfast love* and faithfulness, ⁷

keeping steadfast love for thousands, **forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty**, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation.”

Romans 3:23–25a (Cf. Micah 6:8)

²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the *glory of God*, ²⁴ and are **justified by his grace as a gift, through** the *redemption* that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a *propitiation* by his blood, *to be received by faith*.

IV. Jesus our Savior & King/Judge (Two Choices)

John 3:36

³⁶ Whoever *believes in the Son* has *eternal life*; whoever *does not obey the Son* shall not see life, but **the wrath of God remains on him**.

Galatians 6:7–10

⁷ Do not be deceived: **God is not mocked**, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. ⁸ For *the one who sows to his own flesh* will from the flesh reap **corruption**, but *the one who sows to the Spirit* will from the Spirit reap **eternal life**. ⁹ And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. ¹⁰ So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Luke 6:46–49

⁴⁶ “Why do you call me ‘**Lord, Lord,**’ and **not do what I tell you?** ⁴⁷ Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like: ⁴⁸ he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when a **flood** arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built. ⁴⁹ But the one who hears and does not do them is

like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the stream broke against it, immediately it fell, and the ruin of that house was great.”