



*"And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified." (Acts 20:32)*

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Text: [John 1:1-18](#)

## WE HAVE SEEN HIS GLORY

Introduction to the Gospel of John



The same Person, the same Cause, the same Power, the same Perfection with the same Results of the first creation are evident in the New Creation.

### The Word/Jesus is God

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<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was **the Word** ...

<sup>14</sup> 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.**

<sup>17</sup> For the law was given through Moses, **grace and truth** came through **Jesus Christ.**

John is very willing to accept that mystery and not try to rationalize it. He is so certain of it, he bookends this thought in [verse 18](#).

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### Jesus and Creation (John 1:1-4)

1. Christ's Glory as the Word of God (v.1). He is the self-expression of God, in the flesh.
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**Jesus is God, but he is also the living expression of God’s mind, His reason, the intentions of His heart clothed in humanity.**

2. Secondly, even before Christ came to earth, his glory is seen in that *“All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made”* (John 1:3, ESV).

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**“You is because Jesus is!”**

3. But notice that John relates life to light (v.4).

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Verse 5, I contend, is a transition verse. *“The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it”* (John 1:5, ESV).

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## **Jesus and the New Creation (John 1:5-18)**

Notice the flow of thought that John presents:

1. This Light that was intended to illumine darkened human nature came into the world but not everyone recognized it. (v.9-10)

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**Apart from some gracious assistance people in themselves cannot recognize Light as Light.**

2. This Light came to his own nation and they did not receive him, as a nation. (v.11)

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3. But to the individuals who did receive him, who did believe in who he was, who were born of God:

a. To them he gave the right to become children of God. (v.12)

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b. To them he enabled to see his glory. (v.14)

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c. To them (to those who believed) he poured out grace upon grace. (v.16-17). The phrase literally is "grace instead of grace."

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### **Application**

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If you lived in Asia Minor, in the 1<sup>st</sup> Century, experiencing the pain and persecution of the Emperor of Rome, would that not be Good News?

What if you lived in Alberta in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century?

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