

Korea!!

## Grace Upon Grace

### I. The Glory of Incarnation

#### 1. God Invades the Mess

[John 1.1 NKJ](#) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

18 No one has seen God at any time...

#### Denying What We Cannot See and Understand Makes Us Foolish

Germes, Atoms, Radio Waves, Invisibility is a great help in building up faith in Non-existence or Insignificance.

Yuri Gagarin the first Soviet cosmonaut said in 1961, "I don't see any God out here."

14a And **the Word became flesh** and dwelt [pitched His Tent] among us, and we beheld his glory...

#### Invisible God Makes Himself Accessible

A Tent, not a Palace. God came to live in a tent so we can watch him more closely. God wants to be seen and known in his Son.

God wants to be on familiar terms with us. He wants to be close. He wants a lot of interaction. If you pitch a tent in my backyard, you will probably use my bathroom and eat at my table. This is why God became human. He came to pitch a tent in our human backyard so that we would have a lot of dealings with him.

18 **No one has seen God at any time.** The **only begotten Son**, [ or God the One and Only] who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared *Him*. [*made Him known*]

The Invisible God has now revealed himself in an utterly unique way — by the incarnation of himself in his Son Jesus. In Jesus we see God.

You don't need to be in the dark about God. He has gone beyond parchment and paper. He has actually come and pitched his tent in our backyard and beckoned us to watch him and get to know him in the person of his Son Jesus. When you watch Jesus in action, you watch God in action. When you hear Jesus teach, you hear God teach. When you come to know what Jesus is like, you know what God is like.

His Humanity explains our Humanity. He became FLESH, Human, and lifted Humanity into Divinity. The eternal bread ate the bread we bake.

The Joyful God shared the tears of humanity. The Glorious, ever-praised Son, was born into stigma and shame.

## 2. Full of Grace and Truth

14 And the Word became 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.**

### What Is God Like? What is His Glory?

He's **FULL** and running Over with

**Grace** — Joyful and Generous with His Saving Ability

**Truth** — Reality

## 3. The Gift of Limitless Grace

[John 1.16 NKJ](#) And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace.

[NIV11](#) grace in place of grace already given. [NIV](#) one blessing after another.

[AMP](#) For out of His fullness (abundance) we have all received [all had a share and we were all supplied with] one grace after another *and* spiritual blessing upon spiritual blessing *and* even **fa-**  
**vor** upon **favor** *and* gift [heaped] upon gift.

17 For the law was given through Moses, *but* grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

## II. Purpose of Incarnation

God came **not just to show us grace but to give us grace**; and we must receive it.

God doesn't just want to stock your head with knowledge about his **truth** and **grace**, he wants you to **receive** it and **experience** it.

One touch of God's **favor** can change everything.

This Christmas he wants to give you personally a foundation of truth and reality to stand on so you won't cave in under stress.

This Christmas he wants to treat you with grace — to forgive all your sins — all of them! — to take away all your guilt,

to make your conscience clean,

to help you overcome your problems, with favor upon favor

to give you strength for each day, and

to fill you with hope and joy and peace.

That's the meaning of grace! That's why he pitched his tent among us? His Name means **Rescue, Restoration, Victory, Wholeness!**

But note well the word: "From his fulness we have received grace upon grace."

[John 1.11 NKJ](#) He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. [12](#) But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

Don't spurn Him or His **Grace**, His **Favor** this morning. Receive it. Welcome it for what it really is. Favor means You Cannot Be Defeated!

Let **Grace** FILL your heart with everlasting joy — joy to the world!