

“A GLORIOUS PRESENTATION OF JESUS C (HRIST)”
JOHN 1:1-18

INTRO: Christmas is a great time of the year for many reasons. But perhaps the greatest reason is that it gives us the opportunity to focus on the GREAT DOCTRINE OF CHRIST KNOWN AS CHRISTOLOGY. Unfortunately and all too often we get focused on other “HOLIDAY THINGS” and the greatness of Christ is sidelined. So, today, as we are beginning our approach to Christmas, let’s take a verse by verse trip through the first chapter of the Gospel of John and observe **A GLORIOUS PRESENTATION OF JESUS CHRIST RIGHT FROM THE HEART OF GOD HIMSELF.**

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NOTE: John 1:1-18 is actually the PROLOGUE of the Gospel of John and many of the major topics of the Gospel are introduced in this text and then they are expanded upon throughout the rest of the Gospel building the theme of the book which presents **JESUS CHRIST AS GOD.**

NOTE: 14 MAJOR REVELATIONS OF JESUS CHRIST are brought to light in John 1:1-18 which are necessary for us to properly worship and serve Him.

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I. THE ETERNAL EXISTENCE OF CHRIST – VS. 1a

- A. Christ existed **BEFORE** the time and space of the universe was created.
- B. Christ is called **“THE WORD”** by John indicating Jesus is the true expression of God in every way. **SEEING CHRIST WE ARE SEEING GOD!**

II. THE DIETY OF CHRIST – VS. 1b,2

- A. In eternity past Christ, **THE WORD**, Who also is the 2nd PERSON OF THE TRINITY, was in intimate fellowship with God the Father the 1st PERSON OF THE TRINITY because He is FULLY God – Colossians 2:9
- B. At His incarnation, Christ took on TOTAL HUMANITY, but NEVER ceased to be God. **He was completely God and completely human.**

III. THE CREATION OF CHRIST – VS. 3

- A. Christ is the actual **AGENT** of creation – Colossians 1:16,17
- B. All three persons of the God-head were involved in creation.
 - 1. God the Father – The Architect – Genesis 1:1
 - 2. God the Son – The Agent – John 1:3
 - 3. God the Holy Spirit – The Adorner – Job 26:13

IV. THE LIFE OF CHRIST – VS. 4

- A. Christ is the source of ALL physical and spiritual life.
- B. Christ created all physical life and gives spiritual life to true believers.

V. THE LIGHT OF CHRIST – VS. 5

- A. As LIGHT Christ reveals the **holiness, truth and purity of God.** This is in contrast to DARKNESS which is the sinfulness, error and filth of Satan.
- B. As LIGHT Christ overcomes all SPIRITUAL DARKNESS!

VI. THE FORERUNNER OF CHRIST – VSS. 6-9

- A. John the Baptist was the forerunner of Christ to bear witness of Him.
- B. John the Baptist witnessed of Christ so that people would recognize and believe upon Him for salvation. Cp Vss. 15, 29-34

VII. THE WORLD AND CHRIST – VS. 10

- A. Christ made the world (the planet), was in the world (among the people), but the world (the system), did not know Him.
- B. Christ was unknown by the world due to the blindness of sin.

VIII. THE REJECTION OF CHRIST – VS. 11

- A. Christ came to His own Creation generally speaking – **ALL PEOPLE.**
- B. Christ came to His own People specifically speaking – **ISRAEL (JEWS)**
ALL BUT A SMALL REMNANT RECEIVED CHRIST AS MESSIAH

IX. THE ACCEPTANCE OF CHRIST – VSS. 12,13

A. Those who receive Christ – **believe upon Him** – are given BY CHRIST the **FULL AUTHORITY TO BE CALLED A CHILD OF GOD!**

B. Those who receive Christ are **BORN AGAIN** by the salvation provided by God alone...**SALVATION IS OF GOD...NOT OF MAN!**

X. THE INCARNATION OF CHRIST – VS. 14a

A. At the Virgin Birth Christ took on **true and complete humanity.**

B. At the Virgin Birth a **profound and miraculous action took place!**

1. The Infinite God took on the Finite but remained Infinite God.
2. The Eternal God took on Time but remained Eternal God.
3. The Invisible God took on the Visible but remained Truly God.
4. The Supernatural God took on the Natural but remained Totally God.
5. The Almighty God took on Meek Humanity but remained Wholly God

XI. THE GLORY OF CHRIST – VS. 14b

A. Christ was veiled in human flesh but glimpses of His glory were seen.

B. Christ's glory was seen in the **expression of His GRACE AND TRUTH.**

C. Christ's glory was seen by Peter, James and John in the **TRANSFIGURATION with Moses and Elijah.**

XII. THE GRACE OF CHRIST – VSS. 15,16

A. Christ revealed **GRACE UPON GRACE** in teaching and miracles.

B. Christ revealed **ULTIMATE GRACE upon the Cross!**

XIII. THE MESSAGE OF CHRIST – VS. 17

A. The Message of Moses under the LAW revealed the **Demand for Holiness according to the standard of God.**

B. The Message of Christ through GRACE and TRUTH revealed the **Complete Salvation of God** and that through **faith in Christ** believers are **made holy.**

XIV. THE DECLARATION OF CHRIST – VS. 18

A. Christ "IN THE BOSOM OF THE FATHER" shows the **intimacy and love** that exists between the Father and the Son.

B. Christ "**DECLARED**" the Father. The word "**DECLARED**" is where the word "**EXEGESIS**" comes from meaning that **CHRIST INTERPRETS AND EXPLAINS WHO GOD IS AND WHAT GOD DOES.** Cp. 14:8-10

APPLICATION/CONCLUSION: Focusing on the glory of Christ should be the **REGULAR EFFORT** of the **TRUE BELIEVE!** **NEVER LOSE SIGHT OF THE GREAT GLORY OF JESUS CHRIST** and worship Him properly.