

**"GOD'S LIVING WORD COMES TO GOD'S CREATED WORLD"**

**JOHN 1:1-18**

**(THE REAL MESSAGE OF CHRISTMAS)**

**NOTE:** IN THIS TEXT, THE "WORD" IS JESUS CHRIST, THE ETERNAL SON OF GOD...Vss. 1-5, 14.

***I. THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH - VS. 14a***

**NOTE:** While Jesus Christ was UNCREATED and ETERNAL, the Word "BECAME FLESH" emphasizes His taking on of COMPLETE HUMANITY. (Philippians 2:5-8) This is a profound concept because it emphasizes that:

- A. The Infinite became Finite
- B. The Eternal Conformed to Time
- C. The Invisible became Visible
- D. The Supernatural reduced Himself to Natural

***II. THE WORD DWELT AMONG US - VS. 14b***

- A. The Meaning of the Dwelling Among Us
  - B. The Measure of the Dwelling Among Us
- Mankind got to see GOD in Person!

***III. THE WORD REVEALED THE GLORY OF GOD - VS. 14c***

- A. Through His Teachings - John 3:2a
- B. Through His Miracles - John 3:2b
- C. Through His Transfiguration - Matthew 17:1-8

**NOTE:** The phrase "**ONLY BEGOTTEN OF THE FATHER**" does not mean that Jesus was created by the Father, but speaks of Christ's unique eternal relationship with the Father as the ETERNAL SON OF GOD THE FATHER, Who was GREATLY LOVED by the Father.

***IV. THE WORD POSSESSED GRACE AND TRUTH - VS. 14d***

- A. The Full Expression of God's Grace was seen in Christ - Vs. 16
- B. The Full Expression of God's Truth was seen in Christ - John 14:6

**CONCLUSION AND APPLICATION**

This text presents to us the **TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS...GOD, IN THE PERSON OF JESUS CHRIST, COMING INTO THE WORLD TO PROVIDE ETERNAL SALVATION, BASED UPON DIVINE GRACE AND TRUTH, AS PRODUCED THROUGH HIS WORK ON THE CROSS.**

- Matthew 1:21
- Luke 2:10,11
- Galatians 4:4,5