



## **SERMON NOTES**

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Scripture: John 1:10-18 (NAS)

Topic: "Saving Grace"

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- 10 He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him.
- 11 He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him.
- 12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name,
- 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.
- 14 And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.
- 15 John \*testified about Him and cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me has a higher rank than I, for He existed before me.'"
- 16 For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace.
- 17 For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ.
- 18 No one has seen God at any time; the only begotten God who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained Him.

### **I. GRACE REVEALED**

- A. Seen Throughout The Passage
- B. Mentioned Four Times
- C. It Refers To All God's Blessing
  1. General grace
  2. Special grace –saving grace in Christ
- D. People Created By Him Did Not Recognize Him
- E. His Own People (Israel) Did Not Recognize Him
- F. Faith Is The Avenue Of Grace

### **II. RECEIVING CHRIST**

- A. It Is Receiving Grace
- B. He Is Received By Faith *John 6:55*

### **C. Transports Us Into The Family Of God**

1. We are children of God
2. We are joint heirs with Christ
3. We are fellow citizens

### **D. Receiving And Believing Are Parallel Statements**

### **E. It Involves Grace And Truth**

### **F. He Becomes Our Number One Primary Relationship**

### **III. HOW WE RECEIVE CHRIST**

- A. Spiritual Birth
- B. Three Ways It Does Not Occur
- C. It Is By The Will Of God *1 Peter 1:3; Ephesians 2:8; Hebrews 12:2*
- D. He Is Received By Faith

### **IV. THE FOCUS OF OUR FAITH**

- A. The Word – The Eternal God
- B. The Son Of God – Son Of Man
- C. The Glory Of God Revealed In Christ *Matthew 17*

### **V. GRACE GIVEN IN ABUNDANCE**

- A. We Cannot Partially Receive Christ
- B. He Brings An Endless Supply Of Grace
- C. The Law Leads Us To This Grace *Romans 4:6-7*