



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*