



THE VISITOR "Ramifications of the Visit" John 1:14-18

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John concludes his Prologue by calling Jesus "the One and only" to show us His uniqueness. If we are convinced that John is right about Jesus, the question arises, "What are the ramifications of the Word becoming flesh." Or, "So what?" and "Now what?"

I. The Conviction that Comes from Seeing His Glory.

- A. "The Word became flesh."
 - 1. "Word was God"—deity; "Word became flesh"—humanity.
 - 2. Word "tabernacled" among us—Incarnation. See Exodus 33-34
- B. "We have seen His glory."
 - 1. Glory = God's majesty, brilliance, person, character, presence.
 - 2. Glory that you would expect in "the one and only" Son.
 - 3. Glory that was full of grace and truth:
 - a. Gracious consistency. Cf. Covenant. Exodus 34:6
 - b. Truth: Hebrews = trustworthiness: Greeks = reality.
 - 4. Glory seen in "signs" (2:21) and cross. 12:27-28; 7:39

My Conviction: In Christ I find reality, stability, genuine humanity, and true deity.

II. The Blessing that Comes from Receiving His Grace.

- A. Christ is "full of grace" and we received from the "fullness."
- B. One blessing after another = lit. "grace instead of grace."
- C. "Graces" (charitas) granted then "others in their stead and third ones in place of the second."

My Sufficiency: I can count on an abundance of grace in all eventualities.

III. The Assurance that Comes from Knowing He's God.

- A. The One who is "Word," Life," Light" and "One and only" is Jesus Christ!
- B. Moses brought the Law that condemns, Jesus brought grace that saves.
- C. The unseen God has been "seen," the Unknown "made known" lit. exegeted.
- D. In Jesus I see an understandable exegesis of God's person, character, plan, expectations, promises, and grace. John 20:31
- E. In understanding God in this way, I'm drawn to Him in repentance, faith, love, thanksgiving, hope, confidence, worship, and service.

My Assurance: Like Thomas I can humbly say to Jesus, "My Lord and my God."