

First Baptist Church – Odessa

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Date: _____

“Merry Christmas, Jesus is Here”

Christmas 2023 – Pt. 1

John 1:14-18 & Selected

“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us....”

Vs. 14a

Because Jesus is Here...

I. I can experience His _____ up close and personal.

“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.” Vs. 14b

“And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord’s glory, are being transformed into His likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.” 2 Corinthians 3:18 NIV

II. I can experience His _____ up close and personal.

“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.” Vs. 14

God’s Grace is...

- **His unmerited _____ towards me.**

“While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 5:8

“But where sin increased, grace abounded all the more.”

Romans 5:20b

- **Adequate for every _____ in my life.**

"...full of grace and truth." Vs. 14c

"My grace is sufficient for you." 2 Corinthians 12:9

- **Overflowing to bring _____ to my life.**

"And from His fullness we have all received, grace upon grace."

Vs. 16

"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you by His poverty might become rich." 2 Corinthians 8:9

III. I can experience His _____ up close and personal.

"For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ." Vs. 17

IV. I can experience a real _____ with Him.

"No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, He has made Him known." Vs. 18

"Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son, whom He appointed the heir of all things, through whom also He created the world." Hebrews 1:1-2

Jesus said, "If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know Him and have seen Him." Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?" John 14:7-9