BEHOLD HIS GLORY

Grace & Truth John 1:14

Psalm 36:5 Your mercy, O Lord, *is* in the heavens; Your faithfulness *reaches* to the clouds. **Psalm 119:89** Forever, O Lord, Your word is settled in heaven. **90** Your faithfulness *endures* to all generations; You established the earth, and it abides. NKJV

Lamentations 3:22 *Through* the Lord's mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. 23 *They are* new every morning; great *is* Your faithfulness. 24 "The Lord *is* my portion," says my soul, "Therefore I hope in Him!" NKJV God is trustworthy, dependable, unchanging - FAITHFUL! You and I can place all trust, every hope and have complete confidence in our Lord and God Jesus Christ! Are you doing so? How can we know who God is and what he is like?

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us... NKJV Who is the Word?

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** He was in the beginning with God. **3** All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. NKJV

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and **we beheld His glory**, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of <u>grace and truth</u>. **15** John bore witness of Him and cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me is preferred before me, for He was before me.'" **16** And of His fullness we have all received, and <u>grace for grace</u>. **17** For the law was given through Moses, *but* <u>grace and truth came through Jesus Christ</u>. **18** No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, **He has declared** *Him*.

NKJV

I. IMMANUEL - GOD WITH US!

<u>Incarnation</u> – GOD, JESUS, THE WORD as Man is GOD'S incarnate SELF-Expression As JESUS gives life and is life; raises the dead and is the resurrection, gives bread and is bread, speaks truth and is the truth, so as HE speaks the Word HE is The WORD. The ultimate disclosure of GOD HIMSELF!!!

Thou art the everlasting Word, the Father's only Son; God manifestly seen and heard, and Heav'n's belovèd one... Worthy, O Lamb of God, art Thou that every knee to Thee should bow... In Thee most perfectly expressed the Father's glories shine; of the full deity possessed, eternally divine... Hymn of praise by Josiah Condor

<u>Dwelt</u> – GOD'S WORD, HIS SELF-Expression has become Flesh – When the WORD became flesh, GOD became Man

The WORD, JESUS CHRIST, puts on an earth suit to...

II. DECLARE HIM

Revelation 3:14b These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God. NKJV

Behold HIS Glory - HIS Glory is essentially HIS Goodness

Exodus 33:18 And he said, "Please, show me Your glory."

19 Then He said, "I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the Lord before you. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion." NKJV

Full of Grace and Truth - Abounding in love and faithfulness

Exodus 34:6 And the Lord passed before him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth... NKJV

TRUTH – FAITHFULNESS (Hebrew word is 'met') – Faithfulness is essential to His character:

HE cannot lie - Numbers 23:19 "God *is* not a man, that He should lie, nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good? NKJV

HE is ever the same - Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ *is* the same yesterday, today, and forever. NKJV

HE is sovereign – Ephesians 1:11 In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, **12** that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory. NKJV

Great is Your faithfulness!

Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds!

Your faithfulness *endures* to all generations!

1 John 1:1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life— **2** the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us— **3** that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship *is* with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. **4** And these things we write to you that your joy may be full. NKJV

Abounding in Love & Faithfulness!

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