

SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

The Light Has Come - Christmas Eve

With Ryan Dawson - Lead Pastor
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John 1:14-18 (NLT) So the Word [Christ] became human and made his home among us. He was full of unending love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son. ¹⁵ John [the Baptizer] testified about him when he shouted to the crowds, "This is the one I was talking about when I said, 'Someone is coming after me who is far greater than I am, for he existed long before me.'" ¹⁶ From his abundance we have all received one gracious blessing after another. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses, but God's unending love and faithfulness came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God. But the unique One, who is himself God, is near to the Father's heart. He has revealed God to us.

- **Jesus is God in the flesh.**

- **Through Jesus we receive undeserved grace upon grace.**

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John 1:16-18 (AMP) "For out of His fullness [the superabundance of His grace and truth] we have all received grace upon grace [spiritual blessing upon spiritual blessing, favour upon favour, and gift heaped upon gift]."

How does Jesus make grace (God's undeserved gift) possible for us?

- **God is perfectly good & just and He has a design for our lives.**

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Exodus 20:3 "You must not have any other god but me."

Exodus 20:4 "You must not make for yourself an idol."

Romans 8:1-4 (NLT) So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. ² And because you belong to him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death. ³ The law of Moses was unable to save us because of the weakness of our sinful nature. So God did what the law could not do. He sent his own Son in a body like the bodies we sinners have. And in that body God declared an end to sin's control over us by giving his Son as a sacrifice for our sins. ⁴ He did this so that the just requirement of the law would be fully satisfied for us, who no longer follow our sinful nature but instead follow the Spirit.

- **Jesus perfectly fulfills God's Law in our place.**

- **Jesus is the perfect sacrifice for our sin.**

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Hebrews 9:14 (The Voice) "...how much more powerful is the blood of the Anointed One, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself as a spotless sacrifice to God, purifying your conscience from the dead things of the world to the service of the living God?"

- **The cross of Jesus Christ perfectly satisfies both the justice & the love of Holy God.**

Big Idea: Receive and rest in the superabundant grace found in Jesus Christ.

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Will you let God love you and lead you today?

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- 2) Read John 1:14-18. What is the **Context** for this passage? Where is this taking place in the book as a whole (what comes before or after)? Who is the writer and who are the recipients? Where does it fit in the Bible? What's the theme of this chapter, or passage? What's the historical and cultural context?
- 3) **Observation:** What "jumps out" in this passage? What interesting details do you observe? Is anything repeated? What questions come up about the passage? Are there connecting words or ideas?
- 4) **Meaning:** What was the meaning for the original recipients? What meaning is inferred in this passage for us and what does this tell us about who Christ is and what He came to do?
- 5) Read Romans 8:1-4 and Hebrews 9:14 for more understanding. What are the implications for us as people who desire to follow Christ? How would you define grace?
- 6) **Application:** How is God speaking to you through this passage? (Take some time for Listening Prayer). How does this passage call on you to change the way you live? What will you do this week as a result of this teaching? What aspect of this teaching do you need to pass on to others?



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