



The Gift of Christmas
The Word Became Flesh
John 1:1-18

1. The Christmas Word (1-5)

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. ⁴ In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

The Word was pre-existent, co-eternal and co-equal creator of life.

The darkness did not understand it or overcome the Light.

2. The Christmas Witness (6-9)

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. ⁸ He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. ⁹ That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world.

John was sent to bear witness to the Light but Jesus was the Light.

Just as John was sent, so we are sent by God to bear witness to the Light of the world.

3. The Christmas World (10-13)

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 His own did not receive Him. ¹² But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, 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.

Jesus was rejected by those to whom God chose to reveal Himself.

But anyone who believes the revealed truth may become a child of God.

4. The Christmas Worship (14-18)

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 grace and truth. 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 grace for grace. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 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.

Simply obeying the law could not bring us to God but by receiving grace and truth we cannot be kept away from Him.

No one has seen God but the Son has revealed the Father to those who believe.