

Series: LIGHT AND LIFE

Title: The Truth of Glory and Grace

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If you were going to look for beautiful Christmas lights, where would you go?

Read John 1:14-18, Hebrews 1:3, John 17:4-5 as well as Exodus 16:10, 24:15 & 17, and 2 Corinthians 4:6. We don't often use the word glory. Maybe that's because we don't really know what we're saying, or when the right time to say it is.

1. From these passages, how do the Biblical authors use the word glory?
2. How does a waterfall illustrate what glory is?
1. Bono once stated that there are two options on how the universe works, Grace and Karma. What is Karma and what is grace?
2. When the Creator of the Universe came here, he didn't approach us with Karma. He came with grace and truth. How does the idea that Jesus is full of grace define the way you think of him, and how does that effect your relationship with him?
3. How do these translations open up our understanding of John 1:16? "Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given."
Grace is-

Abundant "grace upon grace" (ESV)

Dynamic "grace in place of grace" (NIV)

Beneficial "grace for grace" (KJV)

Complete "grace after grace" (HCSB)

4. Give an example of how Jesus was full of grace and truth.
5. Is there grace in the 10 Commandments? How so? How is Jesus greater than Moses the Law Giver? 1:17
6. In a world where anything goes and truth is "your" truth but not necessarily "my" truth, how do we show grace and truth?

With one week to go, take some time each day at 12:23 or 24 to pray for friends to come to the Christmas Eve Services 12/23 in Skagit and 12/24 in B'ham. AND pray as a group for people to find the light and the life that only Jesus can offer.

Hark the Herald Angels Sing – OVER

Verse 3

Christ, by highest heav'n adored:
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
Late in time behold him come,
Offspring of the favored one.
Veil'd in flesh, the Godhead see;
Hail, th'incarnate Deity:
Pleased, as man, with men to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail! the heav'n born Prince of peace!
Hail! the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Risen with healing in his wings
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that man no more may die:
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"