

THE BOOK OF JOHN

SUNDAY NIGHTS, AT YOUR PLACE

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—FOR THE BUILDING UP & EQUIPPING OF THE SAINTS—

JOHN 1:14-15

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Let's look at each of these verses and unpack some things from each one. Let's look at verse 14.

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The Word became flesh and dwelt among us!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

What on earth does this mean and what impact is it to have in and on our very lives?

Jesus Christ, the Word who was at the beginning, who was with God and was God, and that all things came into being through, to which nothing has come into being apart from Him, is now on earth in the form of a man, residing and dwelling on the earth with man.

The Eternal has landed on earth, in the form of earth, but not being of earth, standing directly in front of earth, declaring the Eternal realm and the Eternal Life, to which the Eternal Word is from.

How does man or earth respond to the Eternal One, who has become flesh? Does one receive the Eternal One and what He speaks, or does one reject, deflect, deny, ignore and hide from the Eternal One and what He brings.

The Word, Jesus Christ stood directly in front of earth and declared His Father's Truth. He radiated the Father's glory in the hope, who He was and what He spoke would become living and active in the hearts and minds of man. He came full of grace and truth, declaring a reality that mankind could come into and live from. Love - Jesus Christ hopes, believes, endures and bears all things, in the hope that the Word of God would become alive in man.

Q. What would a person be living like, if the Word of God was becoming alive within them?

Q. How hungry and thirsty are we to become these people?

Now let's look at verse 15

John testified about Him and cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me has a higher rank than I, for He existed before me.'"

Notice it says John testified about Him, not taught about Him.

Q. What is the difference between testifying and teaching?

We see this word "testifying" throughout much of Chapter 1, where we see it say, "John testified about the Light". For one to testify about the Light, one must know the Light, but it is very easy to teach about the Light, but not know the Light. One is full of grace and truth, while the other is empty and void of power.

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It's essential we comprehend and know, we are testifying about the Person we know, rather than history, facts, culture, principles or rules. Paul said he preached Him and that he released the fragrance of the knowledge of Him.

*Galatians 1:16 to reveal His Son in me so that I might **preach Him** among the Gentiles.*

*2 Corinthians 2:14 But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and manifests through us the sweet aroma of the **knowledge of Him** in every place.*

Q. What is the difference between testimonial knowledge and theoretical knowledge?

One can not testify or speak of the One they don't know and one can not release the knowledge of the One they don't know. For one to testify of Him and for one to release the knowledge of Him, the Holy Spirit must be revealing the Son in us. This is the **ONLY** way in which we are able to live out both of these dimensions as a follower.

John had the revelation of who Jesus was and we see him testify to this. "This was He of whom I said, ' He who comes after me has a higher rank than I.

It is this revealed posture and position that enables John to run in his lane and run well, testifying and pointing people to the One who holds the reality of Eternal Life within Him.

Q. How does knowing who we are and where we fit through divine revelation, influence our ability to run this race well and play our part?