### From His Fullness...



John 1:16

"glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth" (14)

- He is the fullness of glory
  - "the absolutely perfect inward or personal excellence of Christ"
  - Manifested in His miracles (John 2:11)
  - Prefigured when He was transfigured (1 Pet. 1:16-18)
  - Glory fitting for the only Son of God
- He is the fullness of grace and truth
  - Justification and life through God's "free gift" of Jesus (Rom 5:15-17)
    - Promised to "those who <u>receive</u> the abundance of grace..."
  - "since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth" (Col. 1:6)
    - "Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'" (John 14:6)

"For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace" (16)

- His grace is given to us out of His fullness...
  - "For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell" (Col. 1:19)
  - "For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily" (Col. 2:9)
- His fullness is found in His person and His plan
  - His body (Eph. 1:22-23)
  - His love (Eph. 3:17-19)
  - Our spiritual maturity (Eph. 4:11-13)
- Grace upon grace... upon grace, upon grace, upon grace...
  - "... grace in place of grace already given." (NIV)
  - "fresh grace daily added to the grace already bestowed." J.W. McGarvey

#### "... grace and truth came through Jesus Christ" (17)

- "From Him proceeds grace and truth in its fulness and completeness" Hailey
- He is the embodiment of God's grace
- He is the sum of truth
- If we will receive that, He will save us by His grace
  - "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God" (Eph. 2:8)
- Keep walking in truth and love and we will keep receiving His grace
  - "Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us, from God the Father and from Jesus Christ the Father's Son, in truth and love." (2 John 3)

"...he gave the right to become children of God" (12)

- Children of God
  - Not by blood- not by being Abraham's descendants
  - Not by the will of the flesh no amount of our efforts or works
  - Not by the will of man not through any human scheme
  - But by God through His lovingkindness, mercy, and grace
- When we believe and receive His grace
  - "for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith" (Gal. 3:26)
  - "That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace" (Rom. 4:16)

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