

[Week 3]

The Word made flesh

John 1:14-18

Here John the apostle now tells us that Gods word the [Memra] became flesh. In [John.1:14] it says;

14And the Word [Memra] became flesh, and dwelt among us; and we saw His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. 15John testified about Him and called out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who is coming after me has proved to be my superior, because He existed before me.'"16For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace. 17For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus the Messiah. 18No one has seen God at any time; God the only Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained Him.

NOTE:

[*See handout-Jewish objections to Messiahs Deity]

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Hebrew Vocabulary

Now the word that John uses here for "Dwelt" is the Hebrew word **Mishkan** means:

The second Hebrew word is **Sukkah** which is-

But both Hebrew words mean-

NOTE: [Verse 14]

[Matthew 17:1–8, Mark 9:2–8, Luke 9:28–36]

We see two passages which speak of God having a divine Son as it says in [2 Sam.7:12- 14, & Prov. 30:4].

12When your days are finished, and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your descendant after you, who will come from you, and I will establish his kingdom. **13**He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. **14** I will be a father to him and he will be a son to Me;

And [Prov.30:4] says;

4Who has ascended into heaven and descended? Who has gathered the wind in His fists? Who has wrapped the waters in His garment? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What is His name or His Son's name? Surely you know!

NOTE:

[2Sam.7:12-14]

[Verse 15] NOTE:

[Matt.3:13–17, Mark 1:9–11, Luke.3:21-22, John.1:29–34]

[Verse 16] NOTE:

[Eph.2:4-8] which says;

4But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5when we were dead in our wrongdoings, made us alive together with Messiah by grace you have been saved, 6and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Messiah Jesus, 7so that in the ages to come He might show the boundless riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Messiah Jesus. 8For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; 9not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

The fullness of God's love, mercy and grace was shown to us through the sacrificial death of the Messiah. It is God's gift which is not given by man's works, but is by faith through God's grace that we are saved from eternal condemnation. And this is what they had all received was grace upon grace.

The Torah or law of Moses

John then begins to point out in [Verse 17] that Moses brought the people of Israel the Torah of God. Which is a reference that points to the ending of the Mosaic covenant and the beginning of the New Covenant. Just as Moses was sent to bring the Torah of God, Jesus was sent to bring the New Covenant. But it was realized that the Mosaic covenant was only meant to be a temporal covenant. But what was the reason that the Mosaic covenant had to cease, and a new one had to be made. We have five reasons? Starting with;

1.

[Heb.7:18-19]

2.

[Heb.10.1:10- Gal 3:19]

3.

[Jer.31:32]

4.

[2 Cor.3:7-8]

5.

[Lev.6:2]

What did the Mosaic law or Torah do for the People

1.

[Gal.3:24]

2.

[Rom.7:12]

3.

[Heb.10:1]

4.

[Gal.3:19]

5.

[See Handout- The Law of Moses]

NOTE:

[Jer.31:33]

[Verse 17] NOTE:

[Heb.9:25] NOTE:

[Verse 18] NOTE:

A perfect example of this is found in [Ex.24:9-11] where we read;

9Then Moses went up with Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, 10and they saw the God of Israel; and under His feet there appeared to be a pavement of sapphire, as clear as the sky itself. 11Yet He did not reach out with His hand against the nobles of the sons of Israel; and they saw God, and they ate and drank.

NOTE:

[Ex.24:9-10] NOTE:

Hebrew vocabulary

Now John here uses a picture of the Son being in the father's bosom, to show the closeness and intimacy between father and son. The Hebrew word for Bosom is the word "**Heyk**" and **Heyk** means:

NOTE:

And this was John's exact description of Jesus' unique relationship to God our father. No one or man has ever seen God or has known this about God like Jesus His son, as John goes on to finish [Verse 18] by saying "*He has explained Him*" It was only God's Son that was sent to show us clearly and teach us properly the uniqueness of God's grace, love, and mercy. Jesus was and is the only true example of God the father, as Jesus himself made this point and stated that very fact to Philip in the gospel of [John 14:18] which says;

8Philip *said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." 9Jesus *said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a time, and yet you have not come to know Me, Philip? The one who has seen Me has seen the Father; how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? 10Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own, but the Father, as He remains in Me, does His works. 11Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me; otherwise believe because of the works themselves.