

GOD WITH US
John 1:14
Christmas Series

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The Eternal Word (1-2)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.

- He was in the beginning
- He was with God
- He was God
- He was in the beginning with God.

The Life Giving Word (3-9)

All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men.

- He is the creator
- He gives life
- He is light

The Presented Word (10-13)

He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God..

The Revealed/ Incarnate Word (14-18)

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") ¹⁶And from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

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The Word became flesh

Became flesh

The divine and human natures are forever distinct and retain their own properties even though they are eternally and inseparably united together in one person. (Wayne Grudem)

Dwelt among us

We have seen His glory

“That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life.” (I John 1:1).

Only son from the father

Full of grace and truth

I can have a relationship with Him.

When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners. ⁷ Now, most people would not be willing to die for an upright person, though someone might perhaps be willing to die for a person who is especially good. ⁸ But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. (Romans 5: 6-8 NLT)

I don't need to fear

Christ's abundant and undeserved love towards us (grace) is transforming our relationship with God, with ourselves and with each other. We no longer need to perform, we no longer need to hide, we no longer need to cower in fear. God's grace gives us the freedom to love and accept ourselves and others right where we are because that's what He has done for us. (SCEFC vision statement)

For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. ¹³ Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account. (Hebrews 4:12-13)

I can enjoy Him forever

“God is most glorified when I am most satisfied in Him.”

Application

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Message Outline

Do I have a relationship with Jesus?

Am I enjoying that relationship or am I keeping Him at a distance because of fear?