

JOHN'S GOSPEL

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EMPHASIS {
Christology (doctrine of Christ) and
Soteriology (doctrine of salvation)AUDIENCE {
Ephesians Greeks unfamiliar with
a singular, personal, loving GodAPPROACH {
Prove Jesus is that God (John 2-21)

"He was in the world…" JOHN 1:10

The *Word* has always been active in the world as the creative power, reasoning mind and guiding force of God.

The **Word** was knowable through revealed theology (Law of Moses) and natural theology (Laws of Nature) "The goodness, wisdom and power of God is manifest in the lights of nature, in the works of creation and in providence so as to leave men inexcusable."

WESTMINSTER CONFESSION OF FAITH

"For the truth about God is known to them instinctively; God has put this knowledge in their hearts. Since earliest times men have seen the earth and sky and all God made, and have known of his existence and great eternal power. So they will have no excuse when they stand before God at Judgment Day." ROMANS 1:19-20

CONCLUSIONS *by* OBSERVATION Where there is order there must be a Master-mind.

Where there is a reasoning mind, there must be Supreme Reason.

Where there is a pattern in history, there must be a God of history.

"Though the world was created by him, yet the world did not recognize him." JOHN 1:10

"He came to his own, and his own did not receive Him." JOHN 1:11

> idia (ἴδια) his own home

idoi (ἴδιοι) his own people

"Eternal peace was within your reach but you turned it down, and now it is too late."

LUKE 19:43

"To all who did receive him, he gave them the right to be children of God."

JOHN 1:12

"They are born, not of blood, or of the will of the flesh, or of the will of man, but of God." JOHN 1:13

"Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."" JOHN 14:7 "To all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave them the right to be children of God." JOHN 1:13

TO BELIEVE IN JESUS' NAME MEANS TO PUT TRUST IN WHO HE SAID HE WAS AND IN WHAT HE SAID HE WOULD DO.

THE IMPORTANCE of KNOWING



Unless we can see in Jesus what God is like, we will never dare to think of ourselves as worthy and capable of fully entering into sonship.

"God, as the Word, became flesh and blood and moved into our neighborhood. And I saw it with my own eyes. He was full of grace and truth—the glory of the Father's only Son." JOHN 1:14, MSG

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IN JESUS WE SEE THAT GOD IS <u>GRACE</u>

Grace

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that which we will never deserve and could never earn for ourselves; an act of pure love from God.

seeing God in Jesus

IN JESUS WE SEE THAT GOD IS TRUTH

Jesus perfectly embodied (JOHN 14:7) and unflinchingly spoke (MATTHEW 22:16) truth.

To experience truth that will set us free, we have to embrace Jesus. (JOHN 8:31-32)

seeing God in Jesus

IN JESUS WE SEE THAT GOD IS <u>GLORY</u>

Shechinah

that which dwells; the literal, visible presence of God among men

"Indeed, we have all received grace after grace from his fullness, for the law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. The One and Only Son—the One who is at the Father's side—he has revealed Him." JOHN 1:16-18

GRACE after GRACE

the limitlessness of Jesus, from whose fullness we get the sum total of all that God is.

in JESUS

in JESUS, THE "UNKNOWABLE, INVISIBLE, UNREACHABLE GOD" CAME FOREVER NEAR TO US.

in JESUS, THE "VINDICTIVE, ANGRY TYRANT" IS THE GRACIOUS FATHER BEFORE WHOM WE ARE LOST IN THE WONDER OF SONSHIP.

"If you want to see what God is like, look at Jesus."



