



Class 3 - Chapter 1 – Part 2

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John 1:1-3

➤ ¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

ETERNAL

➤ ² He was in the beginning with God.

➤ ³ All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

CREATOR

John 1:14

INCARNATION

- ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and **dwelt** among us
- and **we beheld His glory**,
- the glory as of the **only begotten of the Father**,
- **full of grace** and **truth**.

John 1:1-3; 14

Summary

- **Once the identity of the WORD is grasped and the incarnation is seen as a monumental act of revelation, then His GLORY is revealed.**

John 1:14 – Jesus is the Tabernacle

¹⁴ And the **Word became flesh**

God became human in Jesus Christ

and **dwelt among us,**

Jesus Himself was the Tabernacle of God

and **we beheld His glory,**...

The tabernacle or Temple, was where the Glory of God was.

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- “**Dwelt**” = **Tabernacle** or the “tent of meeting” of Ex.33:11 (Ex. 33:7-34:35) where God dwelt & met Moses to speak to him.

Tabernacle Scriptures

Ex. 25:8 "And let them make Me a **sanctuary**, that I may **dwell** among them."

Joel 3:17 "So you shall know that I *am* the LORD your God, **Dwelling** in Zion My holy mountain. Then Jerusalem shall be holy, And no aliens shall ever pass through her again."

Zech. 2:10 "Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion! For behold, I am coming and I will **dwell in your midst,**" says the LORD."

Ezekiel 37:27-28 ²⁷ " **My tabernacle also shall be with them**; indeed I will be their God, and they shall be My people. ²⁸ The nations also will know that I, the LORD, sanctify Israel, when **My sanctuary is in their midst** forevermore."

Rev. 21:22-23 ²² But I saw no temple in it, for **the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.** ²³ The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the **glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light.**

Tabernacle – Deep Dive

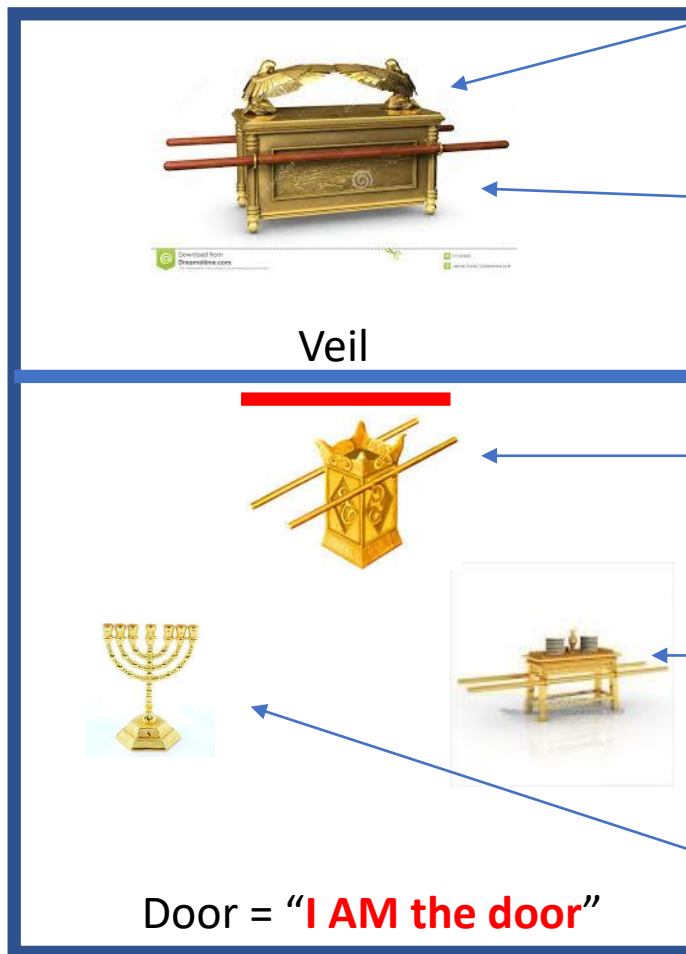
- John 1:14 – “dwelt” = **tabernacle** – **Jesus was a tabernacle!**
- Tabernacle was God’s dwelling place with men.
 - Temporary
 - Center of the camp
 - Place the Law was preserved
 - Place of sacrifice
 - Where priests fed
 - Place of worship

Jesus Christ is the Tabernacle

Jesus was not only the **Temple** of God, but He was the **High Priest** and the Final Temple **Sacrifice!**

Holy of Holies

Holy Place



Mercy Seat =
Propitiation for Sin

Arc of the Covenant =
our sin bearer

Golden Alter = Intercessor
for us

Table of Shewbread =
"I AM the bread of life"

Menorah =
"I AM the light of the world"

Door = "I AM the door"

John 1:14 - THE GLORY OF GOD

What do you think of when
you hear the phrase

“The Glory of God”

John 1:14 - THE GLORY OF GOD

- “**Dwelt**” – also means “residence” and **refers to the “Glory of God”** who made Himself present in the tabernacle and the temple.
- The **bright cloud** of the presence of God settled on the tabernacle, and the glory of the Lord filled it. ([Ex. 24:16](#); [40:34](#); [1 Kings 8:10-11](#)). Also shown in a **pillar of smoke and fire** (Exodus 13:21-22) and as a **burning bush** (Ex. 3:2)
- V.14 literally means - Jesus Christ who is God, “tabernacled” among us.
- Jesus spoke about “the temple of his body” - [John 2:19, 21](#)
- Paul taught that because we are united to the risen Messiah “we are the temple of the living God” - [2 Cor. 6:16](#)^o

Glory of God - in the Temple

Ex. 24:16 ¹⁶ Now the **glory of the LORD** rested on Mount Sinai, and the **cloud** covered it six days. And on the seventh day He called to Moses out of the **midst of the cloud**.

Ex. 40:34 ³⁴ Then the **cloud covered the tabernacle** of meeting, and the **glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle**.

1 Kings 8:10-11 ¹⁰ And it came to pass, when the priests came out of the holy *place*, that the **cloud filled the house of the LORD**, ¹¹ so that the priests could not continue ministering because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD.

John 2:19, 21 ¹⁹ Jesus answered and said..., “**Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up...**” ²¹ But He was **speaking of the temple of His body.**”

2 Cor. 6:16 ¹⁶ And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For **you are the temple of the living God**. As God has said: “**I will dwell in them And walk among them**. I will be their God, And they shall be My people.”

John 1:14 - **SHEKINAH** GLORY

- “**Shekinah**” glory was the visible manifestation of God and means the “dwelling” of the divine presence of God – **this is Jesus in the Flesh.**
- What the Shekinah glory was to the tabernacle and temple (cloud), the Spirit is to the “holy temple” (**Eph. 2:21**), the church, and to the temple which is the believer’s body (**1 Cor. 3:16; 6:19**).
- Jesus’ glory was also shown in His signs (2:11; 11:4; 11:40) and He was supremely glorified in His death (John 7:39; 12:16, 23; 13:31-32),
- The beauty of His presence and Spirit – often thought of as the **image of brilliant light**. (**Isaiah 60:1-3; Rev. 21:22-25**).
- Connected with His **holiness** and **weightiness**, that is, His significance (Lev. 10:1-3)

“Shekinah” Glory = Holy Spirit Now

Eph. 2:21 ²¹ in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a **holy temple** in the Lord,

1 Cor. 3:16 ¹⁶ Do you not know that **you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?**

Isaiah 60:1-3 Arise, shine; For your **light has come!**

And the **glory of the LORD** is risen upon you.

² For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth,
And deep darkness the people; But the LORD will arise over
you, And **His glory will be seen upon you.** ³ The Gentiles
shall come to your light, And kings to the brightness of
your rising.

THE GLORY OF GOD = The LAW

- The **character** of God as represented in the **10 Commandments** (Rom. 3:23; 1 John 3:4, Ex. 33:18-34:7).
- **The Law reflects the Glory of God!**
- **Eccl. 12:13-14 “Fear God and keep His commandments”**, this glorifies God & is the ultimate conclusion of Ecclesiastes.

The Law = The Glory of God

(The 10 Commandments is the Law)

Romans 3:23

“for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,”

1 John 3:4

“Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness.”

Sin is what makes us fall short of the glory of God.

Sin is “Lawlessness”

**Therefore, 10 Commandments, or
The Law = The Glory of God!**

Glory of God – Other Aspects

- **God reveals His glory to man** through **creation**
 - **Psalm 19:1** – “The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.”
- **Man, riches and idols do not deserve any glory**
 - **Is. 42:8** - ⁸ *I am* the LORD, that *is* My name; And **My glory I will not give to another**, Nor My praise to carved images.
 - **Rom 1:22-25** ²² Professing to be wise, they became fools, ²³ and **changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image** made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.

Jesus Display's God's Glory

John 2:11 ¹¹ This beginning of signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and **manifested His glory**; and His disciples believed in Him.

John 11:4 ⁴ ...He said, “**This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God**, that the **Son of God may be glorified** through it.”

John 11:40 ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, “**Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?**”

John 7:39 ³⁹ But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet *given*, because **Jesus was not yet glorified**.

John 12:16 ¹⁶ His disciples did not understand these things at first; but **when Jesus was glorified**,...

John 12:23 ²³ But Jesus answered them, saying, “**The hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified**.

John 13:31-32 ³¹ So, when he had gone out, Jesus said, “**Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in Him. ³² If God is glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him in Himself, and glorify Him immediately**.

Purpose of Life = GLORIFY GOD

- Man was created for God's glory (**Isaiah 43:7**) & can be seen in things such as our love, relationships, music, work, etc. —We are the vessels which “contain” His glory (**2 Cor. 4:7**).
- **Isaiah 43:7**
 - Everyone who is called by My name, **Whom I have created for My glory**; I have formed him, yes, I have made him.”
- **Eccl. 12:13-14** “**Fear God and keep His commandments**”
 - This glorifies God & is the ultimate conclusion of Ecclesiastes. Sin is the opposite of glorifying God.
- **To Glorify God means to give glory to Him as Lord in everything we do through praise, worship, thanksgiving, obedience & submission.**
- **To Glorify God means to Follow Jesus and Obey His Commands**

John 1:14 – GRACE & TRUTH

¹⁴ ...the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, **full of grace and truth.**

- **Grace and truth are what describe the glory of God** and is kindness, love, mercy and compassion, but also His justice.
- **Ex. 34:5-7**
 - ⁵ Now the **LORD descended in the cloud** and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD. ⁶ And the LORD passed before him and proclaimed, “The LORD, the LORD God, **merciful and gracious**, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and **truth**,
 - ⁷ keeping mercy for thousands, **forgiving iniquity** and transgression **and sin, by no means clearing the guilty...**
- The glory revealed to Moses (Ex. 33:18-19; 34:5-7) is the same glory as Jesus revealed, but it was not perceived by everyone...only by those who put their faith in Him.

John 1:14, 17 – GRACE & TRUTH

¹⁴ ...the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of **grace** and **truth**.

¹⁷ For the **law** was given through **Moses**, but **grace** and **truth** came through **Jesus Christ**

- **GRACE** – Under grace, God gives righteousness as a free gift to those who trust in Jesus. (“justified by grace” Titus 3:4-7)
- **LAW** - In contrast with the LAW (connected to Moses and works), under which the God demands righteousness from us. Blessings accompany obedience.
- There was always grace before Christ (sacrifices, faith saved in anticipation of the Cross), but Christ’s atoning sacrifice on **the Cross began a new dispensation where Grace reigns in its fulness** (Rom. 5:21).