



The King for Everyone
Second in "Three Perspectives on Christmas"

John 1:1-18
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Introduction: Do you ever wonder, "What is God really like?"
Or have you ever said, "If only I could just look into His face,
then I would believe in Him!"

John 1:1-5 God is our Creator who wants to communicate with us and to bring light into our darkness.

A. (1:1-20 Much like wisdom and reason in ancient thought, "the Word" was *with* God at creation, but additionally He *is* God.

B. (1:3-5) "The Word" is the *Personal Agent* of creation (not just wisdom and reason) and He contains the life that is the light of all humans.

John 1:6-13 In order to communicate clearly to us, God sent a witness to the light before He sent the true light to enlighten every person.

A. (1:6-8) John the Baptist is not the light who enlightens every person, but rather he is the witness to the light.

B. (1:9-13) The true light is God who comes into the world to enlighten all who welcome Him and then believe in Him.

1. (1:9-11) Tragically, the true light who enlightens every person and was the agent of their creation was not known by His wayward creatures, even by His own people.
2. (1:12-13) However, every one who welcomes Him and believes in Him has the right to become children of God:

Not { by human ancestry or lineage,
or { by frail human decisions,
or { by our unaided human choice,

But by God's actions!

John 1:14-18 The Word, who is God, became flesh and temporarily dwelt among us in order to explain God to us.

A. (1:14) God the Word added humanity to His being and "tent" among us to reveal God's glory.

B. (1:15) John the Baptist spoke of Jesus' existence before him even though Jesus was born later.

C. (1:16-18) In Jesus we see the fullness of God (grace piled on top of grace), the agent of grace and truth of the New Covenant with God (which supersedes the Law Covenant of Moses), and God the Word who explains the Father!

Conclusion: *Christmas:* The Word became flesh to reveal the face of God!