



"For Unto Us..."

CHRISTMAS EVE 2022

John 1:9-18 - God's Constant Motivation

A. THE JOURNEY OF JESUS [9-11,14-18]

1. TRUE LIGHT [JESUS] IS ON HIS WAY [9]
2. JESUS CAME INTO THE WORLD AND THEY DID NOT KNOW HIM [10]
3. JESUS BECAME FLESH - GOD MADE HIM KNOWN AND HE MADE THE FATHER KNOWN [14a;18]
4. JESUS IS FULL OF GRACE AND TRUTH [14d]
5. HIS COUSIN VOUCHERED FOR HIM [15]
6. THE GLORY OF JESUS WAS ON DISPLAY [14c]
7. JESUS HUNG OUT WITH PEOPLE [14b]
8. JESUS CAME TO HIS FAMILY [HEBREWS] AND THEY REJECTED HIM [11]
9. JESUS HAS GIVEN US GRACE UPON GRACE [16]
10. JESUS HAS FULFILLED THE LAW - OPENING THE DOOR OF GOD'S SAVING GRACE AND TRUTH THAT LEADS TO SALVATION [17]

B. THE WHY? [12-13]

[TRANSFORMATION] PEOPLE DID RECEIVE HIM, BELIEVE IN HIM, AND WERE REBORN IN HIM - RECONCILIATION [12]

What marvelous love the Father has extended to us! Just look at it—we're called children of God! That's who we really are. | John 3:1 [THE MESSAGE]

John 1:9-18 The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, yet the world did not know Him. ¹¹ He came to his own, and His own people did not receive Him. ¹² **But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God,** ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And 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.'") ¹⁶ For from His fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷ For 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.

Tedd Kidd was five years older than Janet, finished college before her, and started to work in a city hundreds of miles from her. They always seemed to be at different places in their lives. But they had been dating for seven years.

Every Valentine's Day, Tedd proposed to her. Every Valentine's Day, Janet would say, "No, not yet."

Finally, when they were both living in Dallas, Texas, Tedd reached the end of his patience. He bought a ring, took Janet to a romantic restaurant, and was prepared to reinforce his proposal with the diamond. Another no would mean he had to get on with his life without her.

After the salad, entree, and dessert, it was time. Tedd summoned up his courage. Knowing that Janet had a gift for him, however, he decided to wait. "What did you bring me?" he asked. She handed him a box the size of a book. He opened the package and slowly peeled away the tissue paper. It was a cross-stitch Janet had made that simply said, "Yes."

Yes — it is the word that God, in his tireless pursuit of the sinner, longs to hear. - Rubel Shelley