

Sermon: Father's Christmas Gift "Jesus"

Bible Passage: John 1:1-18

1. According to John 1:1-18

- (a) Jesus pre-existed (verse 1) [compare John 1 & Genesis 1: Jesus existed before Genesis 1:1]
- (b) Jesus was in a mutual relationship with God the Father (verse 1)
- (c) Jesus and God the Father share the same *essence/substance* (vv. 1-2a)
- (d) Jesus was **the** instrument and agent in creation (verse 3, 10)
- (e) Jesus is the source of life (verse 3)

2. The purpose of Jesus' Incarnation is

- (a) To dispel darkness in human beings and give them authority to become children of God the Father (verses 3-5, 9)
- (b) To be a guide of humanity (*skēnōn* refers to "God's presence") (verse 14 cf. Exodus 40:34)
- (c) To bring grace and truth (verse 17)
- (d) To become the visible presence of the Father (verse 18)

3. According to the Prologue, the purpose of "the Word" becoming "Man" is

- (a) To help "men and women" to become "children of God" (verse 12-13)
- (b) To lead "men and women" towards God the Father with His divine presence (v. 14)
- (c) To give "men and women" God's grace that they do not deserve (verse 17)

4. Take Away

Enjoy the grace of God the Father that is available through Jesus