

“Christmas 2011: Incarnation – Grace Living” (1 John 1:1-2; John 1:1-18)

Merry Christmas!

Today’s Message: A Reflection on the Grace of God as Personified in Jesus Christ

**To Rekindle our Appreciation for _____,
and to Motivate us to a Lifestyle of _____**

I. The Nature of Grace

**Abstract Concepts – Love/Attraction; Integrity; Truth and Grace...
become _____ when Visible, or Demonstrated, or Experienced**

A. Biblical description of God (1 John 1:1-2)

**Incarnation – the Abstract Word becoming Flesh in a Visible Human Form,
and Tangibly Displayed Grace in His act of Incarnation**

B. 8 Characteristics of Grace Living (John 1:14, 16)

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2. **“Became”:** _____ **because of Grace**
3. **“Flesh”:** Grace is about _____ **(Heb 4:15-16)**
4. **“And made His Dwelling among us”:** Grace engages in

5. **“We have seen”:** Real Grace is _____
6. **“His Glory, the Glory of the One and Only who came from the Father”**
Grace bears the _____ of the Divine
7. **“Full of Grace and Truth”:** Grace without _____
8. **“For of His Fullness, we have All Received One Blessing after Another (or
Grace upon Grace)”:** Grace is _____
From a “Son of Thunder” to an Apostle of Tenderness and Love

**II. A Lifestyle of Grace-living: Live a Life of Grace and Glorify the heavenly
Father**

- **“The Word” (Col 4:6): Let your Words provide Solution, not be a cause of
Problem**

- **“Became”**: Put others before yourself
- **“Flesh” (Rom 12:15-16)**: Identify, Understand and Empathize
- **“and made his Dwelling among us”**: Be Vulnerable
 **The reward of developing Meaningful and Deep Bonding with others
 is Priceless!**
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 Manifest God through Grace and Love – the Mark of Jesus’ Disciple
- **“Full of Grace and Truth”**: What is the Limit of Grace in your life?
 Grace... Deny ourselves – That’s Discipleship!
- **“For of His Fullness, we have All Received One Blessing after”**: Let others
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Extend the Grace we received Freely to others

Pursue a Life of Intimacy with Jesus – Pursue Grace...

**You will Rest in Grace, be Transformed by Grace,
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