

THE WORD'S SUPREME EXCELLENCE  
(John 1:15-18)

- I. The WITNESSES to the Incarnation (John 1:15-16)
  - A. The testimony of JOHN THE BAPTIST (1:15)
    - 1. A PERPETUAL testimony, a matter of RECORD that remains RELEVANT
    - 2. A PUBLIC testimony, declared OPENLY before many WITNESSES
    - 3. A PROCLAMATION of the SUPREMACY of Christ
      - a. Jesus OUTRANKS John
      - b. Jesus EXISTED BEFORE John
  - B. The testimony of BELIEVERS (1:16)
    - 1. We have ALL received His FULLNESS
    - 2. GRACE is an inexhaustible SUPPLY
- II. The IMPACT of the Incarnation (John 1:17-18)
  - A. GRACE triumphed over LAW (1:17)
    - 1. “The LAW was given through MOSES”
    - 2. “GRACE and TRUTH were realized through JESUS CHRIST”
      - a. Jesus is the Incarnate WORD, “full of grace and truth”

b. Jesus is the EMBODIMENT of the grace and truth the Law proves  
we NEED

B. GOD was made VISIBLE with a clarity previously unknown (1:18)

1. No HUMAN has ever seen the ESSENCE of Deity

2. Jesus Christ “has EXPLAINED” Him

a. He is “the only begotten GOD”

b. He REMAINS in close FELLOWSHIP with the Father