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and balance

are the  
LORD'S:

Thus saith the Lord...

- **The Witness To Jesus Christ**

**John 1:6-8**

- *There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.*

**1:7** *The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe.*

**1:8** *He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.*

- It is important to note that in John's gospel that we come upon another of the great key-words of the Fourth Gospel.
- That word is witness.

- The Fourth Gospel presents us with witness after witness that Jesus is who he says he is.
- No less than eight.
- Let us take a look:

- # 1 There is the witness of the Father.

- Jesus said:

*"The Father who sent me  
has himself borne witness to  
me"*

**(John 5:37).**

- *"The Father who sent me  
bears witness to me"*

**(John 8:18).**

- **His very presence on earth**  
was a witness from God.
  - Here was the  
Seed of woman,  
promised from the  
**beginning of time.**
  - Here was one  
whose birth  
was announced  
**by the angels of God.**

- One whom the sword of Herod could not slay,
- One whose life was sinless.
  - One who spake as never man spoke,
  - One whose questions as a twelve-year-old confounded the mightiest doctors of religion.

- # 2 There is the witness of Jesus himself.
- "*I bear witness to myself*"  
(**John 8:18**).
- "**Even if I do bear witness  
to myself,  
my testimony is true**"  
(**John 8:14**).
- What does this mean?

- It means that  
Jesus was  
his best witness.

- He was  
no fake.

- No  
con-artist.

- **He claimed to be:**
  - **Light** and **Life**
  - **Truth** and the **way**.
  - **The Son of God**
- **One with the Father.**
  - To be the  
**Savior of all men.**

- Unless his life and character had been what they were, such claims would have been shocking and blasphemous.

- What Jesus was in himself was the best witness that his claims were true

- **# 3** There is the witness  
**of his works.**
- "*The works which the Father has granted me to accomplish ... bear me witness*"  
**(John 5:36).**
- *The works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness to me*"  
**(John 10:25).**

- He tells Philip:  
*"Believe me for the sake  
of the works themselves"*  
(**John 14:11**).

- One of the  
condemnations of men  
is that they have  
seen his works,  
and have not believed  
(**John 15:24**).

- Nicodemus,  
a Pharisee  
stated that  
"*We know that*  
*no man*  
*can do the signs*  
*that you do,*  
*except God be with him*"  
(**John 3:2**).

- **John 15:24**

***They would not be guilty,  
if I had not done deeds  
among them such as  
no one has ever done;***

- ***but, as it is,  
they have seen  
and they have hated  
both me and my Father.***

(Moffatt NT)

- When John spoke of **the works of Jesus,**  
he was not  
speaking only of  
the miracles of Jesus;

- He was thinking of **Jesus' whole life.**

- It is not by working miracles, if that were possible, that we can prove that **we belong to Christ,**
- Rather, it is by living **a Christ-like life** every moment of every day.
  - It is in the **ordinary things of life** that we show that we belong to him.

- **# 4** There is the witness **of the Scriptures.**

Jesus said:

*"Search the scriptures,  
because you think that in them  
you have eternal life;  
and it is they that  
bear witness to me"*  
(**John 5:39**).

- *"If you believed Moses,  
you would believe me;  
for he wrote of me"*  
(**John 5:46**).

- **It is Philip's conviction**  
that he has found him of whom  
**Moses and the law and the prophets wrote**  
**(John 1:45).**

- All through the history of Israel  
**men had dreamed of the day**  
when God's Messiah would come.

- And now in Jesus  
all these dreams and pictures and hopes  
**were finally realized.**

- He for whom  
**the world was waiting**  
had come.

- **# 5** There is the witness of the last of the prophets, **John the Baptist.**
- *"He came for testimony to bear witness to the light"* (**John 1:7-8**).
- John bore witness **that he saw the Spirit** descending upon Jesus.

- **# 6** **There is the witness of:**
  - **The woman of Samaria**  
bore witness to the insight  
and to the power of Jesus  
(**John 4:39**).
  - **The man born blind**  
bore witness to his  
healing power  
(**John 9:25-38**).
  - The people who  
**witnessed his miracles**  
told of their wonder  
at the things he did  
(**John 12:17**).

- **# 7 There is the witness of the disciples:**
  - *"You also are witnesses, because you have been with me from the beginning"*  
(**John 15:27**).
  - The writer of the gospel of John **is a personal witness.**
    - Of the crucifixion he writes:  
*"He who saw it has borne witness --his testimony is true"*  
(**John 19:35**).
    - John's gospel is **no second-hand story.**

- **# 8** There is the witness of the Holy Spirit.
- *"When the Spirit of truth is come... he will bear witness to me"*  
(**John 15:26**).
- ***There are three witnesses:  
the Spirit, the water,  
and the blood;  
and all three give  
the same testimony.***  
(**1 John 5:7-8**)

- To the Jew  
the Spirit  
had two functions.

- {**a**} The Spirit brought God's truth to men,
- {**b**} The Spirit enabled men to recognize that truth when they saw it.

- **John 1:14-18**

- **Who** was Jesus visibly?

- What did men **see** when they looked at him,

- When they **heard** him teach,

- When they **followed** him?

- A great many images of Christ today

- are far removed**

- from the biblical picture of him.

- In the prologue to John's gospel, however, **we have a summary of what John came to understand Jesus to be.**

- ***“The Word,”***
- ***The voice of God,***
- **The eternal Creator.**

- Jesus was the Word  
who said:
- *'Let there be light,  
and there was light,*
- *Let the earth bring forth,  
and it brought forth.'*

- In his earthly ministry, Jesus was also:
  - The Life-giver,
- The Light-giver to men.
  - *I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.*  
(**John 10:10**)

- Beginning with Verse 14 of Chapter 1, we now learn what John the Apostle

**saw within**

when he looked at Jesus:

**And the Word became flesh and**

**dwelt**

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**among us**

**(John 1:14)**

- John tells us that what he saw **was a tent.**

- The key to **Verse 14** is the word "**dwelt**":
  - It declares that Jesus "**tented**," or "**tabernacled**," among us.
    - He came and lived **in a tent**.
- John saw that human tent.

- There is really nothing unusual about that because everyone lives in tents.
  - Like the astronauts who have space suits designed to enable them to function in space,
  - We have been given so to speak "earth suits".

- That is what John saw when he looked at Jesus.
- But what caught John's attention was the glory that he saw inside.
  - That is what he says was remarkable.
- In four remarkable images, John tells us what was that glory:

- **The First Image.**
- ***The Word became flesh.***
- That is a staggering thought.
  - **In the Greek text:**
  - ***"the logos became sarx"***;  
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  - The Word,  
**the energy of the universe,**  
was contained in  
a baby's body.

- The most remarkable thing about our being is that God designed man to be the **image of himself.**
- And that makes mankind **unique.**

- **No** animal has that capacity;
  - **No** animal has any concept of God.
- **Mankind** alone has that image.
  - **No dog, no cat, etc.**
- No matter what the Pope says.
  - Why is it that **we are so different** from any animal?

- Every human being has a hunger after God.
- Whether we know it or not, we are longing, searching constantly all through our life for something.  
(**Acts 17**)
- So to help mankind to fulfill that need.
- God became man;
- God becomes flesh, in an amazing blending together of these two concepts.

- John the Apostle says that fact is so fundamental to our faith that a denial of it constitutes heresy:
  - *"If any man deny that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh, that is the spirit of anti-Christ,"*  
*(1 John 4:3).*

- **The Second Image**

- ***The glory of  
the only begotten  
Son of God .***

***(John 1:18)***

- Sons oftentimes look like their fathers,
- And sometimes you can tell much about a father just by meeting his son.

- That is what John is saying here.

- **John 14:8**

Philip saith unto him, Lord,  
**shew us the Father, ...**

**14:9** Jesus saith unto him,

*Have I been so long time with you, and  
yet have you not known me, Philip?  
he that has seen me has seen the Father;  
and how sayest thou then,  
Shew us the Father?*

- The glory that he saw in Jesus **was the exact reproduction** of the glory of the Father,
  - Because the Son **reflects the Father.**
  - **How** do you picture God?

- The Third

&

Fourth Image

- "He was full of grace and truth."

- That is the

- glory of God.

- The “TRUTH” is  
that Jesus is  
the “REAL” Light.

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John 1:9

- Pure gold

vs.

Fools gold.

- Before Jesus came there were other lights which men followed.

- All led them out into the dark and left them there.

- There are still **partial lights;**
- There are **false lights;**
- And men still **follow them.**
- **Matthew 15:9**

*But in vain they do worship me,  
teaching for doctrines the  
commandments of men.*

- His coming was like a blaze of light.
  - It was like the coming of the dawn.
  - Matthew 4:16  
*The people which  
sat in darkness  
saw great light;  
and to them which sat  
in the region and  
shadow of death  
light is sprung up.*

- Our Jesus is like a flash of lightning in the dark.

- In His glow the whole world lights up.

- His coming removed **the shadows of doubt.**
- Until he came men could **only guess about God.**
  - To the pagan world, **God dwelt in the shadows.**
- Jesus **removed** the shadows.

- The shadows  
and the mists  
were gone;
- The days of guessing  
at an end;
  - The light  
had come.

- His coming  
removed

**the shadows of despair.**

- Men despaired of  
**making themselves**  
any better.

- But with the coming of Jesus  
**a new power came into life.**<sup>51</sup>

- The darkness that  
overshadowed  
the world  
was gone for ever.

- His coming removed the darkness of death.

- The ancient world feared death.

- At the best, death was annihilation.

- At the worst, it was torture by the gods.

- But Jesus by his coming,  
by his life,  
his death,  
his Resurrection showed that:

- Death was only the way  
to real life.

- The darkness was  
dispelled.

- The bitterness of death  
is past.

- 1 Corinthians 15:55

O death,  
*where is thy sting?*  
O grave,  
*where is thy victory?*

- If a man felt that he could meet God easily then to die would be only, as Peter Pan said, a great adventure.

- But for most it is **a terrifying adventure.**

- **Let us ask:**

- Wherein lies the **fear of death?**

- Jesus gave us the **victory over death,**

- Its fear banished in the wonder of **God's love.**

- **John 3:16-17**

- Fear comes from the unknown and our sense of sin.
- But there is no unknown for the Christian.
- Philippians 1:21  
*For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain...*
- 1:23 *I am hard pressed ...*
- *My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better.*

- Then there is the **fear of judgment.**
- We are terrified by Paul's statement:
  - **2 Corinthians 5:10**  
**For we must all**  
**appear**  
**before the**  
**judgment seat of Christ;**
  - **that every one may receive**  
**the things *done in his* body, ...**
  - **whether *it be* good or bad.**

- The Greek word for  
“*appear*”  
{**G\_5319**}  
means to be  
“*manifested*”
- It carries the idea of  
being revealed;
- *“for we shall all be shown  
as we are”*  
is the meaning.

- There can be only **two kinds of reward:**
  - A crown of life for the **good**
  - Or a sentence of death for the **bad**
    - Have we forgotten **God's promise?**

- **Romans 8:1**

***There is therefore now  
no condemnation***

***to them which are in Christ Jesus,  
who walk not after the flesh,  
but after the Spirit.***

- Isaiah 38:17

*In love you have delivered my life  
from the pit of destruction,  
for you have cast all my sins  
behind your back.*

- Micah 7:19

- He will again have compassion on us;*
- *he will tread our iniquities underfoot.*
  - *You will cast all our sins  
into the depths of the sea.*

(ESV)

- Will Peter be called to answer for his denial of the Lord?

- Will Paul be called to answer for his persecution of Christians?

- We have been:
- “*Deliver from the fear of death*”  
Hebrews 2:15
- That is what Grace & Truth Is all about.
- Jesus is that Light.
- Colossians 1:13  
*Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness..*

- 1 Peter 2:9

But you *are*

- a chosen generation,
- a royal priesthood,
  - an holy nation,
- a peculiar people;
- who hath called you

out of darkness

into his

marvellous light:

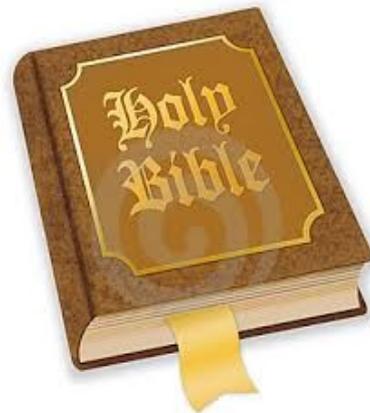


- **Think on these things**
- **Philippians 4:8**

**The doors of the church  
are open.**

**The Spirit and the Bride  
Say  
“Come”.**

**Revelation 22:17**



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