



The Gospel of John

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John 1:9-13 (NIV)

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

- John is saying that Jesus Himself **is** that life, and if He is, then He also has to have **always been** that life.
- They had received God's grace (Abraham, Moses, deliverance, David, etc), but they had never received God Himself. They knew the "**words**" of God (the law), but had never met the "**Word**" (the Giver of the law).

John 1:14-18 (NIV)

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, "This is the one I spoke about when I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'") Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

- But this is not just theology – this is the fullness of life. His fullness becomes our fullness. A life lived with others that has **grace** first and also **truth**.