**Truths that Last Series – John 1:17 -18**

Sermon #1 – Introduction

*For the Law was given through Moses, grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ.*

*No one has seen God at any time, the only begotten God who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained Him.* John 1:17 – 18

Have you considered the importance of Jesus Christ words in the bible?

Did you know that Jesus Christ words are the same for every generation?

Do you live in the assurance of Jesus Christ words or do you reject them?

**Focal Truth: Jesus Christ the Son of God explains the eternal truths of the unseen God**

**Observations**

1. **The fullness of God’s grace is realized through Jesus Christ 1:17**

*grace and truth were realized = lit. occur through Jesus Christ*

1. Grace comes through Jesus Christ – this is the gospel – death, burial, resurrection
2. John 1:14 – the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth
3. Jesus Christ is the fullness of God’s grace
4. Jesus Christ is full of grace for sinners
5. John1:16 – for of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace

**The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ saves, forgives & restores those who come to Him!**

1. **The completeness of God’s truth is realized through Jesus Christ 1:17**

*grace and truth were realized = lit. occur through Jesus Christ*

1. A life of truth came through Jesus Christ
2. John 14:6 – I am the way, the truth and the life no one comes to the Father but by Me
3. The words of truth came through Jesus Christ – the words Jesus spoke were God’s truths
4. John 1:1 – in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God
5. John 1:14 – the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth
6. Jesus Christ spoke the truth of God in a world of lies & deception

John 8:46 – I speak truth, why do you not believe me?

1. Truly, Truly = 13 times in gospel of John – Truly = amen – certainly, assuredly

John’s gospel records these **truths that last spoken by the Lord Jesus**

**Our focus over the next weeks will be to look at the Truths that last which were spoke by the Lord Jesus in the gospel of John**

1. Jesus Christ spoke the truths of God that last from generation to generation

**The truths spoken by Jesus Christ are truths that last!**

**They are unchanging truths**

**Life – giving truths**

**Spiritual truths**

1. **Jesus Christ the Son of God has explained the unseen God 1:18**

*no one has seen God at any time, God the only begotten God who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained Him*

1. Jesus Christ is the only begotten from the Father – 1:14
2. Begotten = only Son, single of its kind, not born, but one of a kind Son of God
3. John 3:16 – for God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son…
4. Jesus Christ ascended back to the bosom of the Father as the only begotten God – 1:18
5. Bosom = the chest – Jesus Christ is in the closest, most intimate relation to the Father
6. Jesus Christ coming from God - explains God – explain = declares, unfolds, reveals
7. Jesus Christ is eternally the Word of God – 1:1 – word in thoughts & speech

Jesus Christ knows the thoughts of God that lead to the Words of God!

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God*

* 1. Jesus Christ words explain who God is
  2. Jesus Christ words explain what God does
  3. Jesus Christ words explain how God works
  4. Jesus Christ words explain what God will do now & in the future
  5. Jesus Christ words are eternal words
  6. Jesus Christ words are heavenly words
  7. Jesus Christ words are God’s words
  8. Jesus Christ words are spiritual words

John 6:63 – *it is the Spirit who gives life, the flesh provides no benefit, the words that I have spoken are spirit and life*

John 8:38 – *I speak of the things which I have seen with My Father*

John 14:24 – *the one who does not love me does not follow my words and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Fathers who sent me*

**Things to Remember**

1. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ is the grace that saves sinners & sustains believers
2. Jesus Christ speaks God’s truth in a world of lies & falsehood
3. To understand the truth about God we must pay attention to the words of Jesus Christ
4. Jesus Christ words are words of authority above all other words
5. The Lord’s words never get old, never change, never become irrelevant
6. The words of the Lord have power to change those who will hear & believe them

Daily Use

1. Hear & believe the words of Jesus Christ they are words of eternal life – John 6:68
2. Think deeply on the words of Jesus Christ
3. Pray to God guided by the words of the Lord Jesus Christ – John 15:7

The old hymn says: When Jesus speaks, when Jesus speaks, so faithful He will ever be, that I will rejoice to hear His sweet voice, when Jesus speaks to me