

“Jesus Is Enough”  
(John 1:1-18)

Jesus Christ is Truth in Person (Jo 1:14, 17). He is the substance, the content(s) of all Christian teaching (Eph 4:20,21). When God wanted to speak the fullness of Truth to the human race He sent His Son, Jesus of Nazareth, the Messiah. He is the definitive Truth on all things True and Real. He is eternal, unchanging, absolute (Heb 13:8; Ja 1:17). (As opposed to the religious fads, theological trends, and philosophical opinions that have the “shelf life” of warm milk!). Therefore, if something is not true for everyone, everywhere, for all time, you may want to question if it is “full of Christ”. He is our unchanging standard for all valuation (Col 3:17). To pursue Truth apart from Jesus Christ is to pursue a lie (II Tim 4:3-4). This is why He has the pre-eminence, the first place in everything real and true (Col 1:18) – not our experiences, our traditions, our sensory receptors, our soulish interpreters. In order to fully participate in the “enough-ness” of Jesus, all of these must be subordinate to Him, our Teacher of all things Real and True (Ps 119:102; I Jo 2:27).

Jesus Christ is Grace in action. (Jo 1:14,17). He is the activity of God in behalf of man, doing for us what we could never do for ourselves (Jo 3:16). He calls us, He justifies us, He sanctifies us, He glorifies us (Ro 8:30). The fullness of all we need to live as God designed us to live is given to us in the Saving Life of Jesus Christ. To become Christian, to live Christianly we freely receive His Life and freely live by His Life. (I Jo 5:11,12; Col 3:4) The entire journey of living in the original and ultimate intention of God begins with “not I” and is sustained and finished with “but Christ”. (Ga 2:20). The “horizon” of the fullness of Christ that we have “all” received (yes, you!) by grace (Jo 1:16) is too wide to take in all at once. The “cup” of His grace is too deep to take it all in with one drink. The “ocean” of grace we are in is too vast to fully experience in one dive.

Each situation, every day we are in requires a fresh flowing of His truth and His grace – a “different” grace, if you will – “grace upon grace” (Jo 1:16). For youth and for old age, when we are accepted of being rejected by others, for prosperity and for adversity, when we bear our own burdens or need to bear the burdens of others. The “enough-ness” of Jesus is always present tense, it is always derivative – “give us this day our daily bread”. It is never of “I”, but always of “Christ”! The only reason I would live otherwise? Unbelief. Unbelief in the Person, the Work, the ever-present-now Adequacy of Christ. Christ for me, Christ in me, Christ through me!



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## Greetings

"And all who heard it wondered..." (Lk 2:18). The Christmas message is not just "...a Savior is born." It is, "FOR YOU a Savior is born." (Lk 2:11) Perhaps we have forgotten the remarkable wonderment of it all.

It is a wonder that He came and even more wonderful that He stayed. It is a wonder that He willingly left His home and even more wonderful that we could be eternally at home in Him. It is a wonder He came to be a man of sorrows, acquainted with grief and even more wonderful that we can rejoice and be acquainted with His joy. It is a wonder that He came to defeat our every foe and even more wonderful to make us friends of God. It is wonderful He entered into our darkness and more wonderful that we may walk in His light. It is a wonder He came to take on human rejection and even more wonderful to make the way for our Divine acceptance. It is a wonder He came to lay down His life for us yet even more wonderful that we may be raised to new life by Him.

It really is amazing that He came to experience the mundane and weariness of our lives. It is stunning that He invites us into the wonder and potency of His. Don't forget the wonder. Moreso, don't forget to live in the "more than" wonderful. Engage your world with the wonder of the One Who came to you... and stayed!

Have a merry and wonder-filled Christmas!

### Calendar

#### DECEMBER

9 Ocala Study (**\*Note Change!**)  
10 Alachua Study

#### JANUARY 31 – February 1

Forever Family, Knoxville, TN

### Praise & Prayer

 The "Wonder" of it all!

 Graceful and Truthful options for all of life

 "Fresh" grace for our day

 A revival of "Wonder" for the Church