

"A LOVING MYSTERY"

John 1:1-18

In John 1:1-18 we find a story, a unified story of creation, incarnation, and re-creation. There's not any real instruction, no actual advice on how to live - just proclamation, announcement, revelation. The essence of this short story is stunning in both its content and in its breathtaking brevity: THE CREATOR COMES IN PERSON TO RE-CREATE CREATION!

This story is both a mystery story and a love story. The three great Christian "mysteries" of Trinitarian God, of Incarnate God, of God indwelling the human race are all noted in this passage. God's holy passion for oneness that would compel Him to give Himself for us and to us speaks clearly of unspeakable love.

The shining star of the story is unmistakably Jesus Christ - where He comes from, what He does, why He does it, how others respond to Him. This story is a celebration of all things Christ. And it is all very personal. The story comes from a Person, is delivered by a Person, and is offered to every person on earth.

In a word, the story is Jesus Christ. All the intent and action of God are made known in Him. The world is created to be the theater of His glory. We are invited to have our own parts in the story in this world and the one to come. He is Creator, Revealer, and Savior. As the Uncreated Creator, He always "was". (1:1-3) He is the Subject before all predicates and has, therefore, the first and last word on all that is. He is the Revealer of the uncreated and unseen. As the "expositor of Divinity" (1:18), He is our Inerrant and Infallible Word. As the Uncreated Savior of the created, He comes in Person to rescue, redeem, rectify, and even replace our lives with His very own. God with us (incarnation), becomes God within us (salvation).

To believe and trust in Him as God's Word on all that concerns us is to receive His Life (Jo 1:12) - His creative, revealing, saving life. To connect with God, we do not go to books, to buildings, to the Holy Land, or to facts - we go to Christ. The Word that saves us is not Calvinism or Armenianism; it is not bible or church; it is not even grace or faith. The Word that saves us is Christ!

Faith into Him opens the door that leads us into an eternal room of intimate communion and forever expression. We become "words" of His - "a" word of His, but never "the" word. As personally unique expressions of His, we live and proclaim a story, a mystery-of-love story that is older than time itself. Let us never forget who we are dealing with!



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GREETINGS

I hope this month's newsletter finds you well
- well-pleased, well-rested, well-loved,
well-established, well-adjusted, well-grounded
- oh well, you get the idea!

I believe that kind of "well-ness" comes from regularly going to the Well and drawing living water. Listen to Isaiah - "Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. For the Lord God is my strength and song, and He has become my salvation. Therefore (I) will joyously draw water from the well of salvation." (Is 12:2-3)

I'm fairly certain the ways we have each learned to draw water from the well have changed down through the years. However, the Well remains the same. Unless we connect with, commune with, draw from the Source Himself we will come up dry sooner or later.

The spiritual disciplines are not the "center" of Christianity. They are designed to take us to the Center. They are not the Well, but they help us focus on the Source. They are never the Living Water, just the pails that aid in the transport.

In the month of March, remember to stay "well".



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