Celebrating Christmas Correctly The <u>Promise</u> Of Christmas John 1:14-18

With the Coming of Jesus, God's PROMISE is Fulfilled.

How do we Know GOD is WITH US? ("The WORD became FLESH.")

Today, We find FIVE THINGS about God...that are Revealed in Jesus.

1. GOD IS NOW <u>VISIBLE</u>. (v. 18)

- NOW, a Once Invisible God has Become VISIBLE. (Colossians 1:15)
- ONE thing that Made Belief in God Difficult was He seemed "OUT of the REACH."
- JESUS CAME to Reveal God's Heart & Desires to US ALL.

2. WE'VE SEEN GOD'S <u>GOODNESS</u>. (v.17)

- We SEE what God is LIKE by the Standards He Sets for His people.
- God TREATS Our <u>FAILURE</u> to Keep <u>His Law</u>...with <u>GRACE</u>.
- The LAW only exists to Point us to JESUS. (Galatians 3:24)

3. WE'VE SEEN GOD AS A *HUMAN*. (v.14a)

- God, as Jesus the Messiah, **Expressed Himself** as a **Human Being**.
- God Came to <u>LIVE</u> with the likes of <u>US</u>.
- The Coming of Christ should tell you How Important YOU are in the EYES of God.

4. WE'VE SEEN THAT GOD IS *REAL*. (v.14b)

- When we See JESUS, we've SEEN GOD'S GLORY.
- In Jesus, God JUST HEAPS His Grace upon us & His Love for US. (1 John 3:1)
- God is NOT ONLY FULL of Grace, He is FULL of TRUTH.

5. WE'VE SEEN THAT GOD IS GENEROUS. (v.16)

Because we've "All sinned & fallen short" we ALL desperately <u>Need Grace</u>.

- God <u>WANTS</u> to <u>Treat</u> Us with His Grace. As the Grace you <u>Receive</u> Flows Out to <u>Others</u>, <u>More Grace</u> will <u>Come</u>.
- If we will <u>Ponder</u> the <u>PROMISE</u> of Christmas in 2025, we WILL <u>See</u> MORE of <u>God</u>.