

**CP - 12/31/23**

**John 1:15–18 - Behold and Be Bold**

**1. The Witness to the Word (John 1:15)**

- \*John the Baptist bore witness about Jesus' supreme rank and eternal existence.
  - John 1:32, 34; 3:27–36; 5:32–36; 10:41
- \*John the Apostle bore witness about Jesus' identity as both God and man.
  - John 1:1–18; 19:34–35; 20:30–31; 21:24–25
- \*Jesus bore witness about himself in his life, death, and resurrection.
  - John 3:11–15; 5:30–32; 8:12–18; 18:37
  - Bread of Life; Light of the World; the Door; Good Shepherd; the Resurrection and the Life; the Way, the Truth, and the Life; the True Vine

**2. The Grace and Truth from the Word (John 1:16–17)**

- \*Christ himself is the source of all that we receive.
- \*The grace and the truth from Christ is a greater grace than the grace of the Law.
  - Law revealed God in part; Jesus reveals him fully.
  - Law prophesied about Messiah; Jesus is Messiah.
  - Law showed us our need for salvation; Jesus saves us.

**3. The Revelation by the Word (John 1:18)**

- \*We do not see and understand God without revelation.
- \*Jesus is uniquely and exclusively qualified to reveal God.
  - He is the unique one, the only one, the God-man.
  - Jesus has always been in personal fellowship with God.
- \*Jesus reveals, translates, interprets, and explains God to us. ("exegesis")

"Holy, holy, holy, in a manger lowly  
Christ, the Son, now veiled in flesh in our humanity  
Kingdoms bow before Him, heaven and earth adore Him  
God here in person, hail His majesty"

Matt Boswell and Matt Papa, "In the Fullness of Time"

**\*\*\*Our view and value of Christ drives us to be bold for him in the coming year!**