



**January 22, 2017**

**John 1:14-28**

For the sake of grasping a very important aspect of theology, as a group wrestle through the importance of the following statement.

**GOD BECAME A MAN WITHOUT CEASING TO BE GOD.  
(Hypostatic Union)**

- Based on John 8:58, 10:30, was Jesus always God?
- According to John 1:14, what did God do?
- Why did God have to become a man? (Hebrews 2:17, Phil 2:5-11)
- How do we know that Jesus was God's Son? Look up Luke 1:35 to answer this.
- If Jesus just had a human nature and not a divine nature, could He have died for our sins? (Romans 3:10, Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23a)

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So we see that not just any good person could die for our sins because without a divine nature, all are guilty of sin by nature. Jesus' father was not Joseph, but God Himself (Divine DNA). His mother was Mary (Human DNA). Because He was equally both, His death satisfied the just requirements of God to deal with sin and separation.

# Highlights

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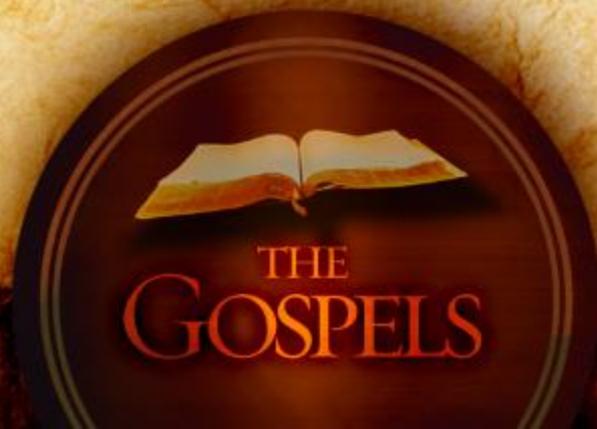
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- The Son and the Father are one God, but they are two Persons. They have one divine nature. They are one God with two centers of consciousness
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- When God comes into your life or your situation or circumstance, He does so with the intention of staying and never leaving. God does not “fly by night.”
- Jesus came to dwell among us so that we could observe Him, His nature, how He dealt with people. Because He dwelt among us we learned how much He loved children. We also learned how perturbed he got with the religious elite.
- ‘We have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.’* It means that in Jesus Christ we can see the glory of God. And it means that the glory of God revealed in Jesus does not consume us in our sin. Instead, it is “full of grace and truth.”



# JOHN

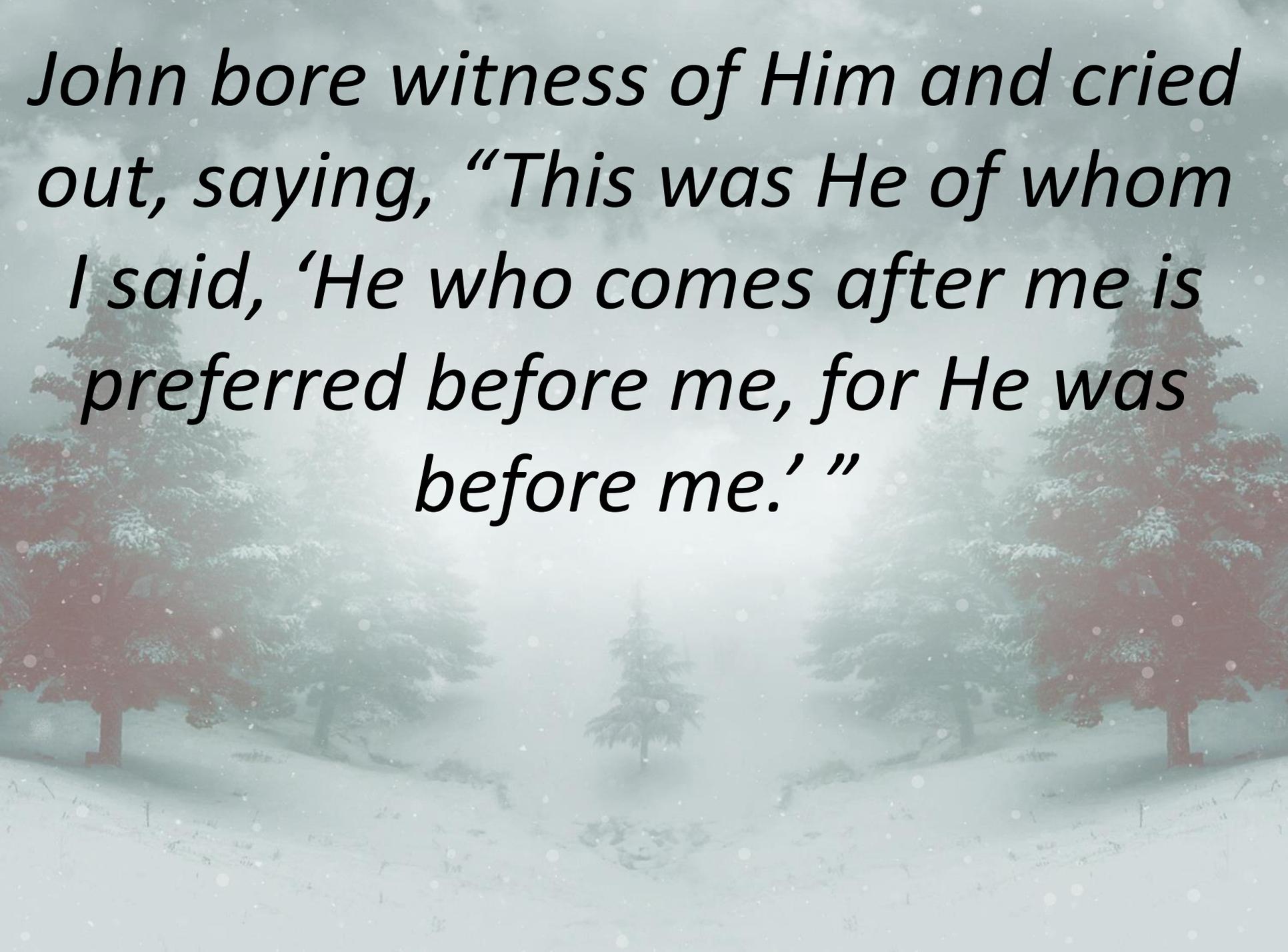
*Light of the World*



## **John 1:14-18**

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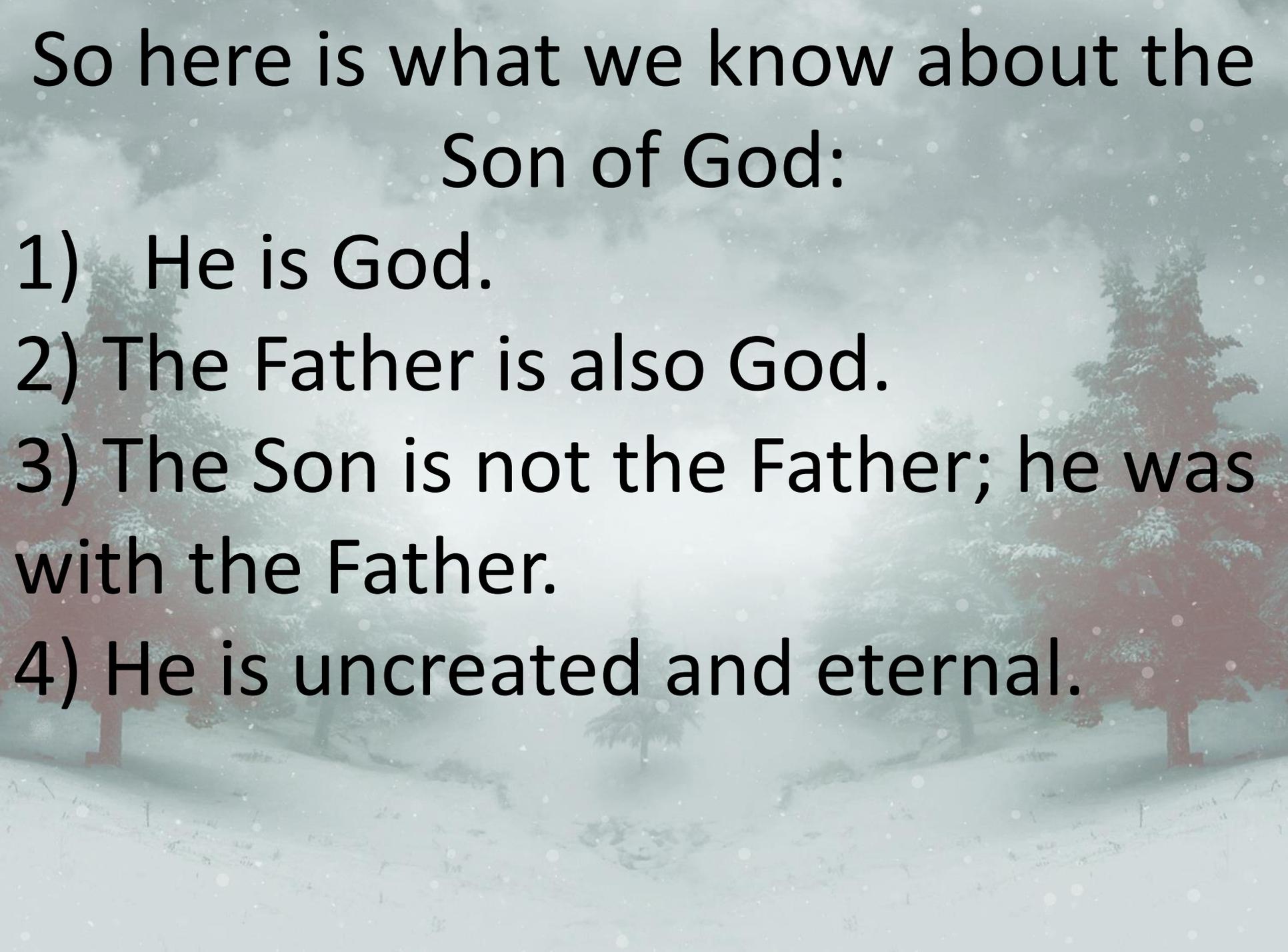
*John bore witness of Him and cried out, saying, “This was He of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me is preferred before me, for He was before me.’ ”*



*And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace. For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.”*

# John 1:14

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So here is what we know about the  
Son of God:

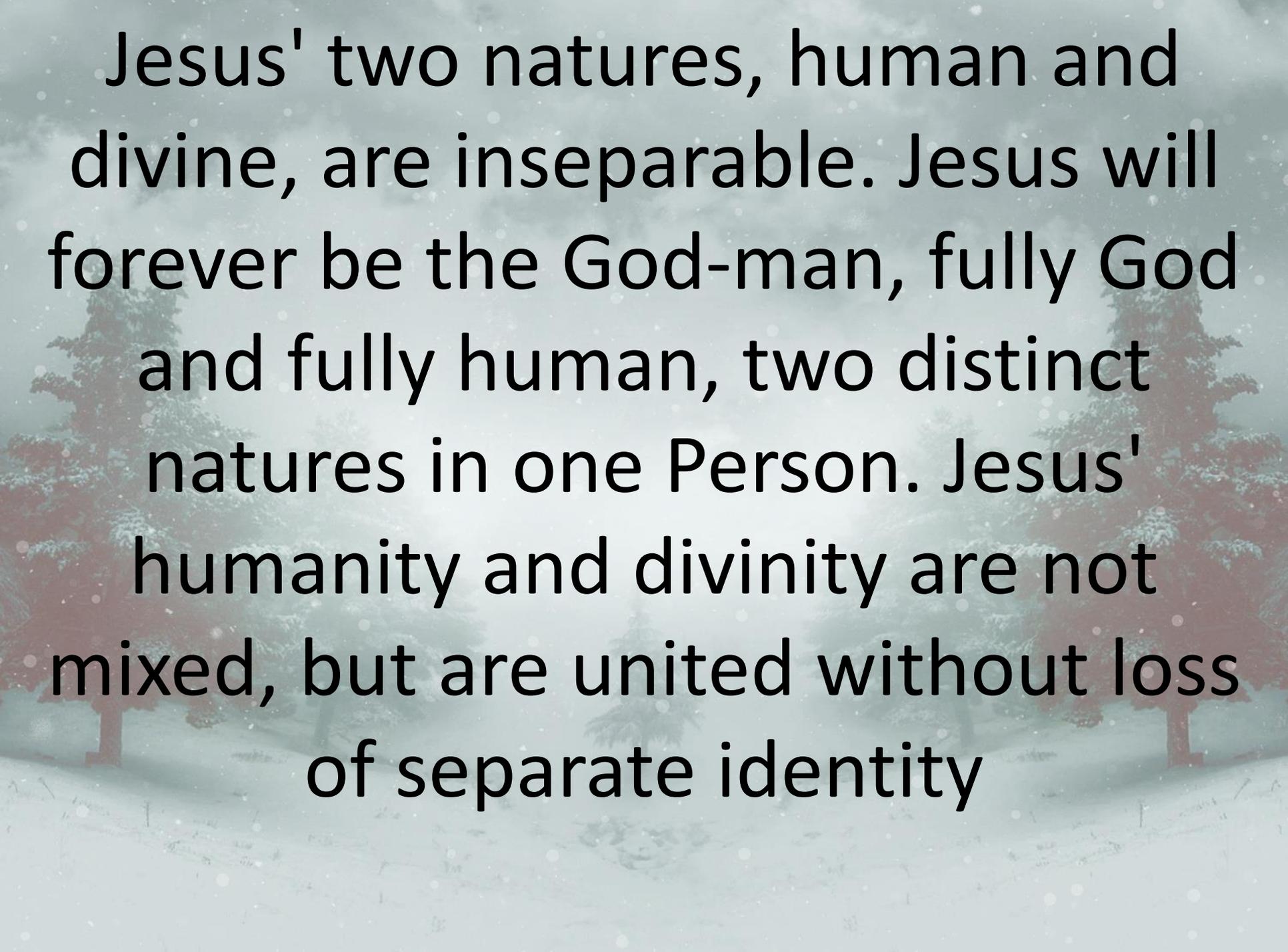
- 1) He is God.
- 2) The Father is also God.
- 3) The Son is not the Father; he was with the Father.
- 4) He is uncreated and eternal.

# **God Became Man—Without Ceasing to Be God**



# ***Hypostatic Union***





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**John 4:6** *Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from His journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour.*

**John 19:28** *After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "I thirst!"*

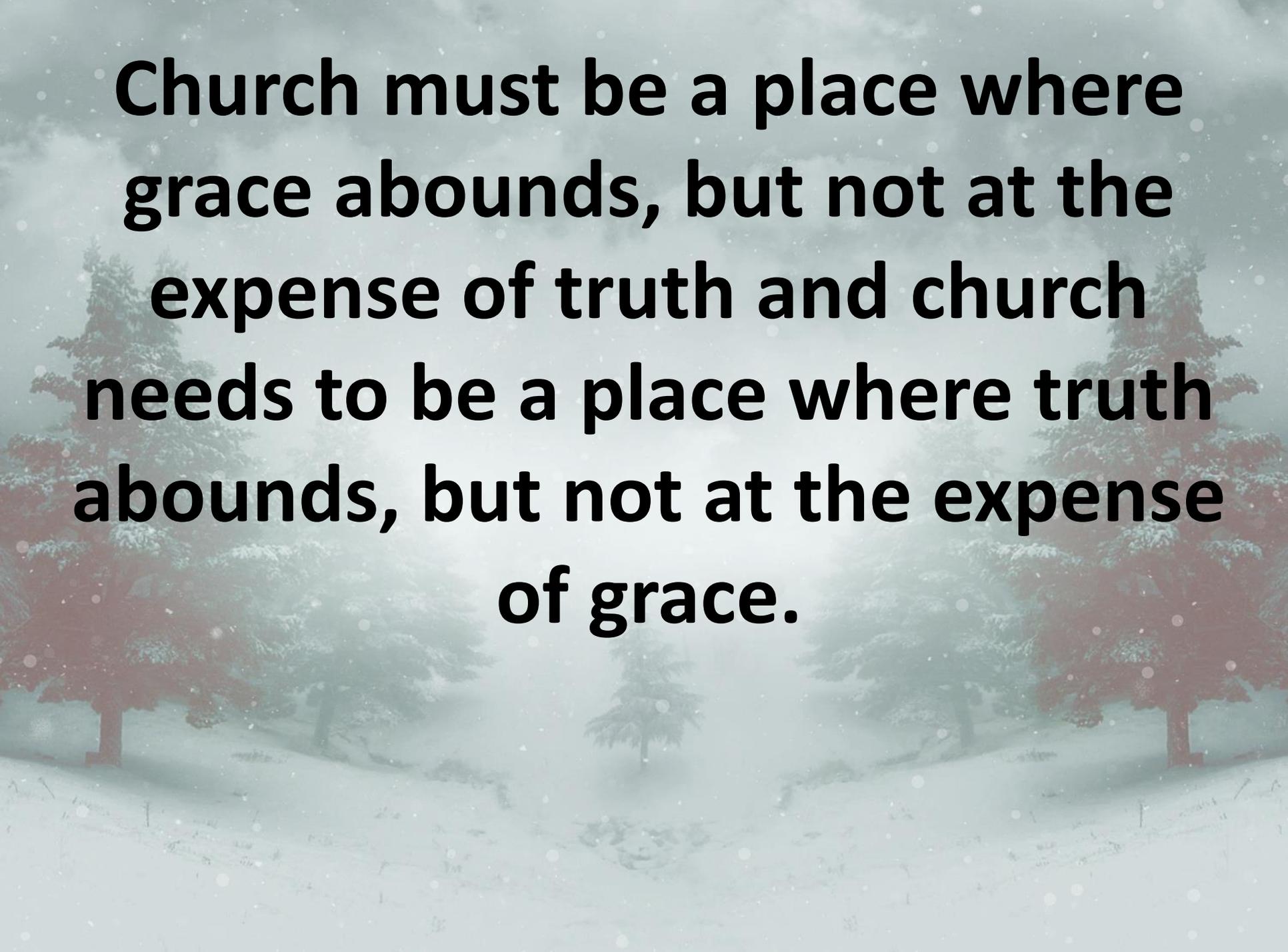
**John 11:43:** *When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out."*

**Matthew 14:18-21** *And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, He looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.*

God could have chosen to become flesh as a judge and executioner. And all of us would be found guilty before him and be sentenced to everlasting punishment. But he did not become flesh that way. The Word, the Son, who is God, became flesh to reveal a divine glory that is “full of grace and truth.”

## **John 1:16-17**

*“And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace. For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.”*

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**Church must be a place where  
grace abounds, but not at the  
expense of truth and church  
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