***The Glory of the Son: Full of Grace and Truth, John 1:1-18***

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**10/23/11 Only begotten from the Father**

**10/30/11 Full of grace and truth: The Glory of God as a Coalescence of His Divine Attributes**

**11/6/11 Moses and Jesus: Law upon Law and Grace upon Grace**

**11/13/11 Seeing and explaining**

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**Scripture Reading and Prayer**

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* **Following the light, John 8 (Slide 6 – John 8:12)**
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* **Read John 1:14 (Slide 10)**
* Last week we focused on just the first 9 words of John 1:14
* Today I want to focus on jus the next 5 words of John 1:14 “and we beheld His glory”
* Here is my primary point, for John, salvation – faith, believing in Christ – is equated to see and believing that Jesus Christ is divinely glorious
* As many as received = as many as believed in His name
* Now, we beheld His glory = as many as believed in His name
* Remember John 1:6-8 “believe through him” the testimony of John the Baptist
* Not something physical that they see in Jesus “He came to His own and they didn’t recognize Him.” “Full of grace and truth.”
* You don’t see with the physical eye things like grace and truth
* This is a seeing with the heart or the mind or the soul

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