

BEHOLD, THE AWE AND WONDER OF THE SON

John 1.1-18

THE WORD BECAME FLESH

John 1.1-18 // Colossians 2.9 // Hebrews 1.1-13

Your words are intrinsically integrated into who you are. You cannot be separated from your words. Jesus even said that what comes from our mouth proceeds from the heart. This means that our words *reveal* who we are and what is deep within us.

ALL THINGS THROUGH HIM

John 1.3, 4

We know that every good and perfect gift comes from the Father, but they all come through the Son. What exactly does this mean? Consider the cross. The cross did not just simply purchase our salvation (yet that alone makes it glorious), but it also purchased every other good and perfect gift for us.

Upon our initial sin in the Garden, God could have enacted swift and immediate punishment and justice. But He had already chosen to set forth a plan in motion to send His Son to die in our place. Because of this plan, He could show patience and longsuffering with sinful enemies, because He knew that not only will justice be done, but mercy would also be given. Due to this, instead of giving us death, He gives us air to breathe and food to eat. Instead of giving us immediate punishment, He gives us 70+ years to enjoy friends, family, and joy. All this was not only made through the Son, but it is sustained by the Son and because of His cross.

The next time you hope for swift and immediate justice to be done against someone, first thank God that swift and immediate justice was not done against you.

THE FINAL AND DECISIVE WORD OF GOD

It can be difficult to go to God as our Father for a number of reasons. Maybe you see God as distant, or as a boss, or as someone who you can never please. Or we listen to other people’s voices, or our own voices, and we hear accusations of being failures and unworthy.

But of all these words spoken and listened to, since Jesus is the First and the Last, it means He is also the First Word and Last Word concerning your salvation and identity.



NOTES:

Upcoming Sermons:

Next week we will look more specifically at the Holy Spirit and His role in bringing us to salvation and sealing us for all eternity.

This Week’s Scripture to Memorize:

Ephesians 1:13-14

¹³In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

Will You Pray With Us?

Follow along with our daily prayer requests by downloading the **PrayerMate App**, available on both **iOS** and **Android** phones. Go to our website for detailed instructions on how to subscribe to the app to be praying with us daily, as well as reading through our **2 Year Bible Reading Plan**.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION CHURCH!

We’d LOVE for you to fill out the **Connection Card** on your seat to let us know you were here today. You can drop it in the offering during service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside - we’d love to give you some welcome information. Feel free to grab some food or coffee out in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you’ll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

If you’ve ever taken your child to one of our **Kids on Mission** classes, or enjoyed a cup of coffee after service, chances are there was a faithful servant behind each of those examples. Serving is one of the **most fun & rewarding ways we experience community** with our church family! **Fill out a connection card** to learn about the serving opportunities available today.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

The best way to **get connected** in the church is by joining one of our **Community Groups**! You’ll forge friendships, be encouraged, and take the sermon deeper into your heart every week. **Sign up for a Group** on a **Connection Card** or visit the **Connection Booth**. You won’t regret it!

GIVING

Gospel-centered generosity is motivated by a heart of thankfulness because of the sacrificial love God has already shown us. If you call **Life Mission** your home, you can place your gift in the offering baskets during service, give online at **lifemissionchurch.com/give** or mail a check to our PO Box. Thank you so much!

KIDS ON MISSION

Our **Kids on Mission** ministry has classes for **newborns – 5th grade**. Visit our website to read more about the vision and plan we have for our kids, including Pastor Jobey’s heart for the ministry and his walkthrough of our curriculum. For questions about KOM email **Katie McGinty** at **katie@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS

Our **6th - 8th graders** worship with the adults and then head to the junior high room with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Our **9th - 12th graders** stay in the service because we believe that it is critical for them to not “graduate the faith” when they graduate school. Our **High School Ministry meets on Thursday Nights @7PM at Casey & Amy Barnes Home in San Marcos**. For directions and/or questions about our student ministries, contact **Casey Barnes** at **casey@lifemission.tv**.

VISION: WHY DO WE EXIST?

We want to see God's glory known among the nations, to the least, last, and lost.

MISSION: WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO?

We need to make disciples who make disciples locally and globally, who are saved, equipped, and sent by the Gospel.

STRATEGY: HOW WILL WE DO IT?

By teaching people how to be rooted in the Gospel of God's glory through the Word of God, Prayer, and Gospel Community.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before your group starts, is there anyone who can share the Memory Verse?

1. Read **John 1:1-18**. What stuck out to you from the message on Sunday?

2. A lot is wrapped into the Scripture above (**John 1:1-18**). Broadly speaking, what does this Scripture reveal to us? _____

3. Think about the concept of the Word becoming flesh. What is your perception of Jesus' nature, character, and personality? As you dig deeper into His life and His experiences, does this change how you view Jesus as a human, but also, how does He reveal God the Father?

4. Read **John 5:30-31, 6:38, 17:1-2**, and **Philippians 2:11**. What was the mission Christ came to accomplish? What are the roles and responsibilities of Christ? _____

5. On Sunday, Pastor Jobey talked about how the cross did not just purchase our salvation, but everything else, down to the air we breathe. In your words, how did the cross purchase these things? If it weren't for the cross, how might our lives really be, not just spiritually, but physically?

6. The Old Testament sacrifices temporarily would "put off" God's wrath for another year, because God knew there would eventually be a permanent sacrifice. In the same way, God "put off" His judgment, even of unbelievers, during the course of our life, instead giving us blessings during that time, because He planned that an ultimate sacrifice would eventually come. How has growing in the "awe of Jesus" becoming a man, the Word becoming flesh, changed you? How does it change the way you go about evangelizing or disciplining those that God has specifically put in your life? _____

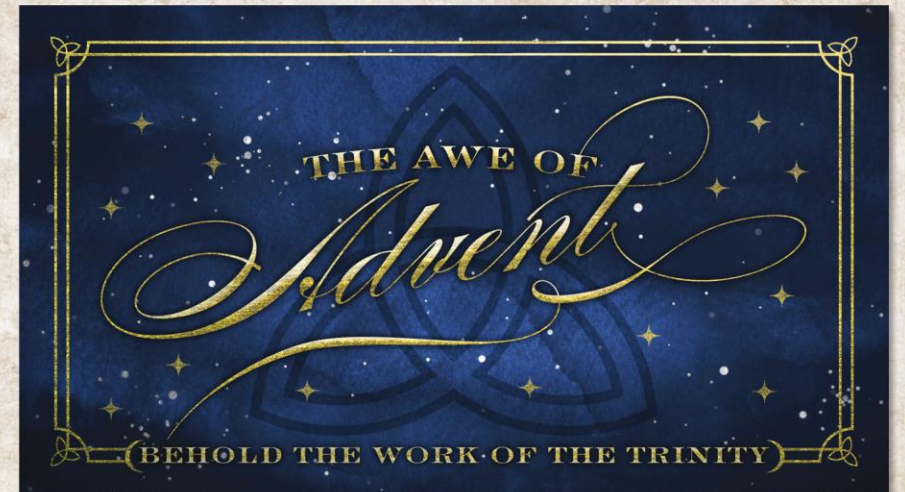
Spend time as a group sharing opportunities you have had with those you have written down to pray for and reach out to. Pray for them as a group.



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