

replied, "The long walk is part of the gift."

This girl, wise beyond her years, probably didn't know that she was conveying a truth about Jesus Christ. He gives the wonderful gift of eternal life to all who believe in Him (Rom. 6:23). It's a treasure that carries with it forgiveness of all our sins, and God's never-failing love (Rom. 8:28-39).

Christ's gift also began with a journey. He left the splendours of heaven to come to our sin-drenched earth. He took upon Himself our humanity (Jn. 1:14) and walked the long road to the cross. There He bore our sin and all its penalty. And when I say to Him in gratitude, "It's too much, Jesus. You shouldn't have done it," I can picture Him looking at me with love-filled eyes and saying tenderly, "The journey is part of the gift." --DCE

*Christ left His heavenly home above,
Put on humanity,
Then walked the long road to the cross
To pay sin's penalty. --Sper*

Jesus gave Himself to give us salvation.



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Information for Visitors.

- * We're glad you're here. Sit back, relax, and enjoy the service. You're very welcome to join us for a cuppa after church.
- * a Cubbies programme is normally provided, during the sermon for the **toddler to Kindy age bracket.**

It's Part Of The Gift

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. --John 1:14

A young girl in Africa gave her teacher a Christmas gift. It was a beautiful sea shell. "Where did you get this?" she asked. The child told her that such shells are found only on a certain faraway beach.

The teacher was deeply touched, because she knew that the girl had walked many miles to find the shell. "You shouldn't have travelled so far just to find a gift for me," she said. The girl smiled and



Meat The Word



(Philippians 3:10) "that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,"

In John 1:1-14 there are two main ways we can be like Him (The Word):

1. He is _____; we are to _____ His _____, v 1-11

(Luke 6:45) "A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks."

(Genesis 1:3) "Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light."

(Isaiah 55:11) "So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it."

(Proverbs 8:22) "The LORD possessed me at the beginning of His way, Before His works of old."

(Exodus 3:2) "And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed."



In John 1:1-5 there are 8 descriptions of the Word:

◆ He is _____, verse 1

◆ He is fully _____, verses 1, 14

◆ He is _____ from the Father, verse 1

◆ He _____ with the Father, verses 1, 2

(John 17:5) "And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was."

(John 17:24) "... You loved Me before the foundation of the world."

◆ He is _____, verse 3

(Colossians 1:16-17) "For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. {17} And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist."

◆ He is _____ - _____, verse 4

◆ He is _____, verses 4-5

(John 8:12) "... "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

(Matthew 5:14-16) "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. {15} "Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. {16} "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."

◆ He is _____, verse 5

(Colossians 2:15) "Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it."

(Hebrews 2:14) "Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil,"

(Colossians 1:13) "He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,"

2. He is full of _____ and _____; we are to be full of _____ and _____, verses 12-16

In John 1:12-16 there are 4 descriptions of the Word:

◆ He is _____, verses 12-13

(1 John 4:14) "And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world."

◆ He is fully _____, verse 14

◆ He is _____, verses 14, 18

(Matthew 17:5) "While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!"

(2 Corinthians 4:4) "whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them."

(John 7:46) "The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this Man!"



◆ He is full of _____ and _____, verse 14

(Luke 2:47) "And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers."

(Psalms 45:2) "You are fairer than the sons of men; Grace is poured upon Your lips; Therefore God has blessed You forever."

(Luke 4:22) "So all bore witness to Him, and marveled at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth."

(Matthew 23:13-14) "But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut up the kingdom of heaven against men; for you neither go in yourselves, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in. {14} "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you devour widows' houses, and for a pretense make long prayers. Therefore you will receive greater condemnation."