Real Faith Believes IN HIM

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INTRODUCTION

- Not to talk about what real faith does per se, but what real faith believes.
- In the Gospel of John, there's never a choice given believe in Jesus or believe in someone else.
- The real idea about believing in him in the book of John is about believing in the real Jesus. Believing in who he really is.

1 He Is Deity

John 1:1–2

- In the beginning was the word. And the word was with God, and the word was God. He was in the beginning with God.
- Even that very nature of the word being with God proclaims his deity.
- If you're going to have faith in him, you've got to believe this first.

2 He Is the Source of Life

John 1:3–5; Colossians 1; Hebrews 1:2

- All things came into being through him, and apart from him, nothing came into being that has come into being.
- In him was life. And the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.
- We're talking about real and true life, that existence with God, and that life is in him.
- He came to bring light to man to show them the way, to point them to God.

3 The Word Became Flesh

John 1:14–15; Philippians 2

- The word became flesh and dwelt among us. And we saw his glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.
- Even though he became flesh, yet we still saw in him the glory of God.
- He did not cease being deity.
- He's drawing our attention to the very fact that he left heaven to be here on the earth.

4 The Fullness of God's Grace

John 1:16–18; Psalm 36

- For of his fullness we have all received grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses, grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ.
- Law, by its nature, of course, also condemns.

- God provided grace upon grace, the culmination of all in his son.
- The only way that he can be the full manifestation and source of God's grace is that he has come and revealing the Father to us.

5 He Can Give Life

John 4:13–14; John 6:35; John 6:40

- If he is the very source of life, then he can give life. And there's life to be found in none other.
- I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will not hunger, and he who believes in me will never thirst.
- I am the resurrection, the life. He who believes in me will live, even if he dies. And everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?
- Belief in Jesus is not a negative thing. Belief in Jesus is inherently a positive thing.

6 He Can Take You to Heaven

John 14:1–3

- If you believe in this Jesus, then since he came to earth, you would also believe that he can take you to heaven.
- Do not let your heart be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me.
- If I go and prepare a place for you, I'll come again and receive you to myself. That where I am, there you may be also.
- Throughout the book also he speaks of going away, going back to the Father.

MY NOTES