

CERTAIN ETERNITY



THE LETTER OF FIRST JOHN

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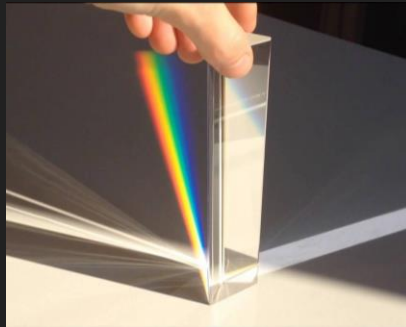
— the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us—

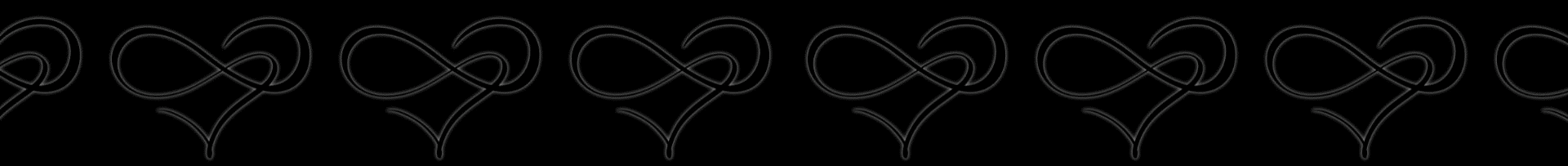
1 John 1:2

A hand is holding a clear glass prism. A beam of light enters from the left, and it is refracted into a spectrum of colors (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, violet) that is visible on the left side of the prism. The background is dark, and there are some light streaks on the surface below the prism.

**Manifest
Literally means
"to bring to light"**

“This life which is invisible was made visible to the human race through the humanity of our Lord. We put light which is invisible through a prism, break it up into its component parts, and it becomes visible. The beauty of the life that God is, broken up into its various parts such as love, grace, humility, kindness, etc., is seen through the prism of the human life of our Lord.”
Wuest's Word Studies from the Greek New Testament





1 John 1:2 "—the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the **eternal life**, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us—"

1 John 2:25 "And this is the promise which He made to us: **eternal life**."

1 John 3:15 "Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer; and you know that no murderer has **eternal life** abiding in him."

1 John 5:11 "And this is the testimony, that God gave us **eternal life**, and this life is in His Son."

1 John 5:13 "I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have **eternal life**."

1 John 5:20 "And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and **eternal life**."

“The Source of spiritual life to men is that which was, in the first instance, the source of natural life to all creatures. Here lies the foundation of St. John’s theology. It assumes the solidarity of being, the unity of the seen and unseen. It contradicts and excludes, from the outset, all Gnostic, dualistic, and Docetic conceptions of the world. This essential and aboriginal (being the first or earliest known of its kind present in a region) life, he tells us, became incarnate, that it (He) may have fellowship with men; it (He) was slain, that its (His) blood may cleanse them from iniquity.” — George Findlay

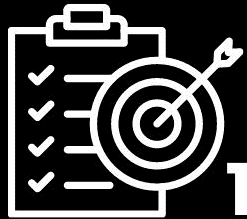


**The Word became flesh and made his
dwelling among us. John 1:14**



**3 points on the
importance of the**

INCARNATION



**Goal:
Good
Theology**

#1

Jesus born under the law to fulfill the law and prophets

Galatians 4:4-5 “But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.”

#2

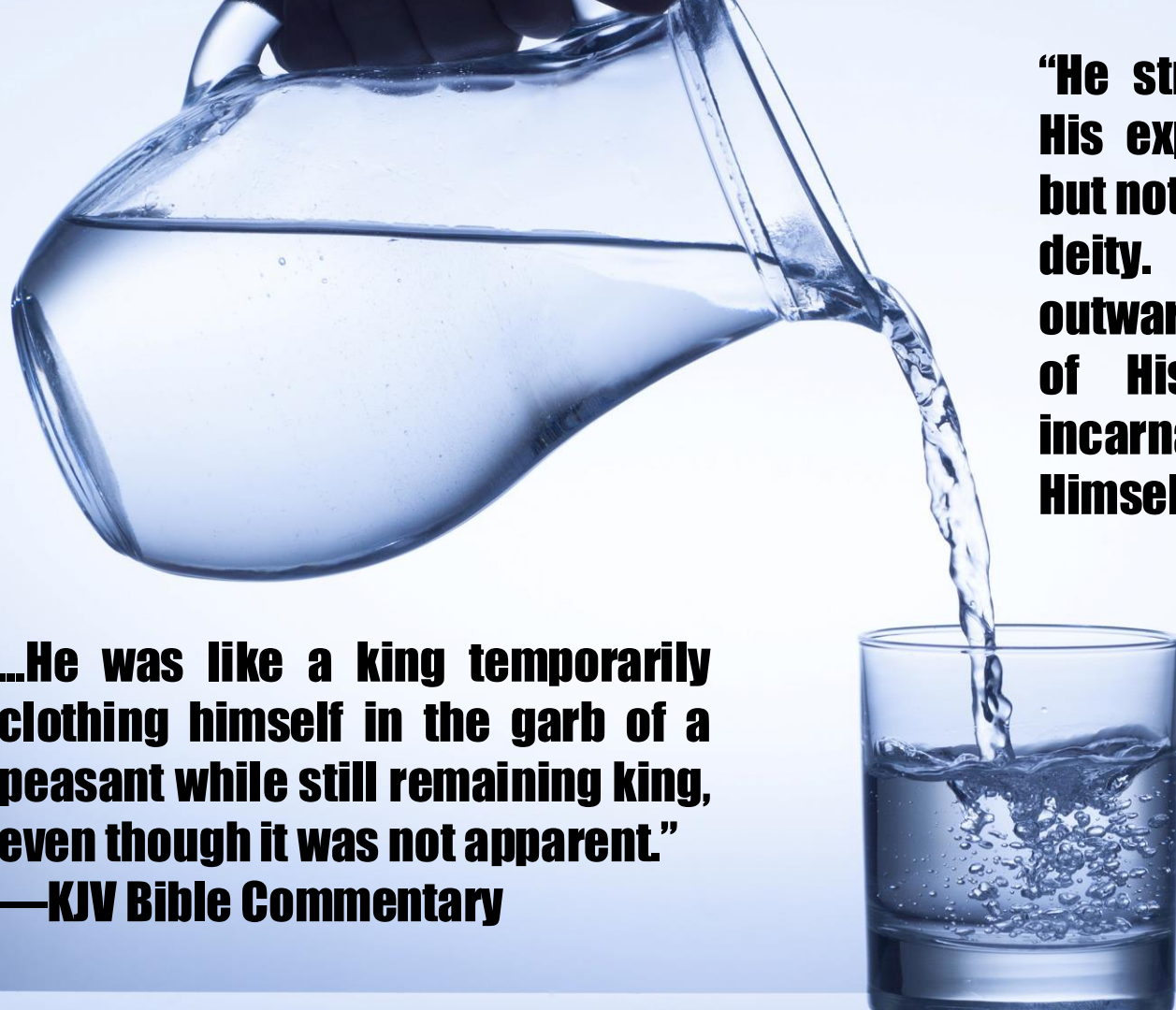
Jesus born a man to be the perfect high priest and mediator for all mankind

Hebrews 4:14-16 “Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”

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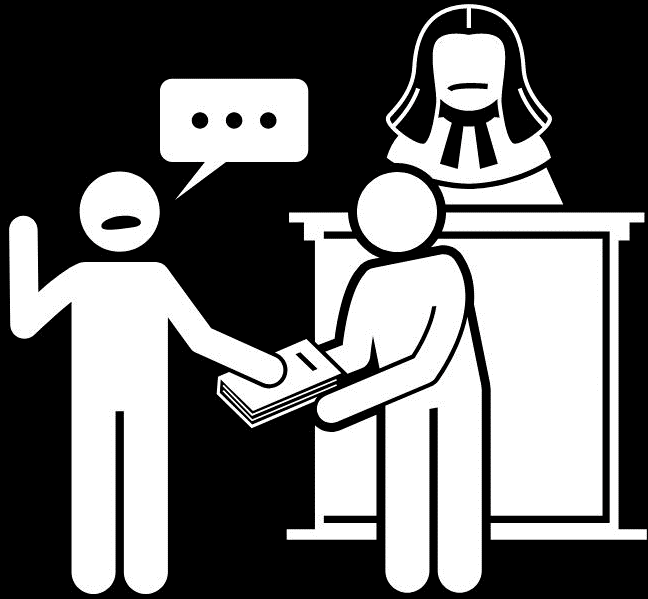
Jesus emptied himself to be a perfect example to us of how to humbly and obediently submit to the Father and to be empowered and led by Holy Spirit

Philippians 2:7-8 “but [Jesus] emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.”



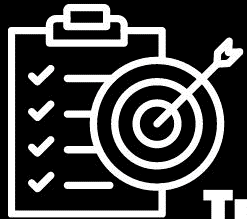
“He stripped Himself of His expression of deity, but not His possession of deity. He restricted the outward manifestation of His deity. In His incarnation, He clothed Himself with humanity...

**...He was like a king temporarily clothing himself in the garb of a peasant while still remaining king, even though it was not apparent.”
—KJV Bible Commentary**



Testify

(Greek martyreō)
witness,
to bear witness



Goal 1:
Certain Eternity
(Evidences of a
Transformed Heart)



PROCLAIM

(Greek *apangellō*)

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connotation that you are

openly declaring with a

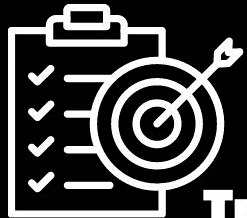
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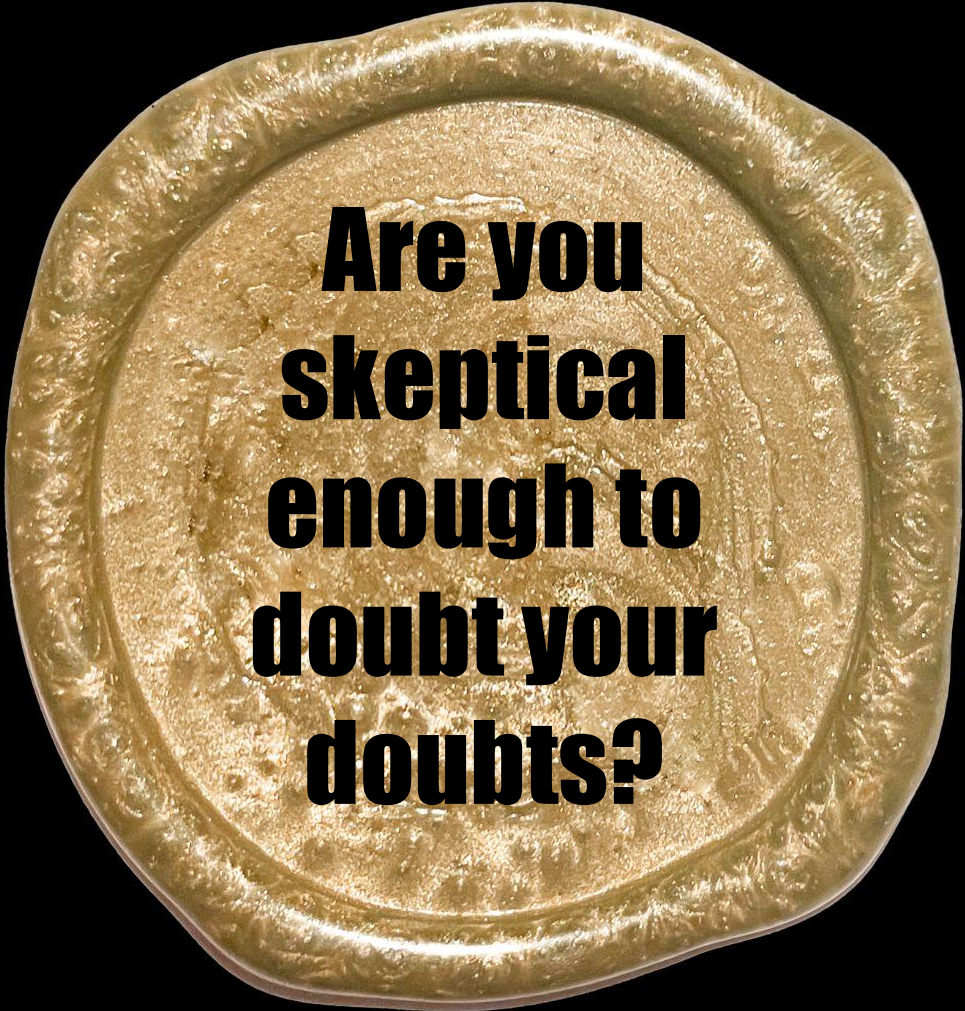
Transformed Heart)



“John’s statement here confronts one of the most commonly held cultural assumptions about religion. In our culture the most commonly held assumption about religion is that it’s personal preference. Right? ‘It works for you; it doesn’t work for me.’ It’s subjective preference not objective truth. In fact, that’s a quote from Immanuel Kant, who is the father of modern philosophy, ‘Religions are not objectively true, they’re subjectively helpful.’”

—J.D. Greear



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**Are you
skeptical
enough to
doubt your
doubts?**

The Father shows off the Son, the Son shows off the Father, and we have the privilege to testify and proclaim the Son. We get to show and tell Jesus so that the world may see Jesus in us.



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