The Carrier of Grace BY Malusi Skunyana

Read John 1:14-18

JOHN 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

JOHN 1:15. John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me.

JOHN 1:16 And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.

JOHN 1:17 For the law was given by Moses, [but] grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

JOHN 1:18 No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared [him].

Jesus Christ came to our world as a carrier of grace for the human race, which had wandered far away from God. He came as God’s message of hope for the guilty world, which had wronged God. In Christ the human race came face to face with God and instead of receiving the deserved punishment, men walked away with a double portion of grace.

Reaching out to save fallen man from sin had been God’s plan from the beginning; and at exactly the right time according to His schedule God sent His Son to this world. Christ came to reveal God to us who had no real conception of Him. Looking at Jesus, we beheld the glory of the Infinite God. God came to pitch His tent among us and He lived among us. Those who dwelt in the land of darkness were now covered by great light – the light of God’s glory. The inhabitants of this world had expected nothing but judgment from God, but instead they were invited to discuss terms of reconciliation with God. God’s dear Son had come to open a way for us to be reunited with our heavenly Father.

In order to rescue fallen men, God’s only Son had to come down and be clothed in humanity that He may be able to save the lost. So fallen was man in sin such that he had no way of saving himself, and knowing this God took the initiative and designed a plan to save men from sin. From God’s infinite resources, the human race received “grace upon grace” or a double portion of grace. Since man had broken the law of God, only grace coming “through Jesus Christ” could save him. The penalty for breaking God’s law is death, eternal death. So for breaking God’s law the human race stood condemned to eternal death. But in this terrible emergency God stepped in and offered to save men from eternal death, His Son would die for them that through His death they might have eternal life. So terrible was sin and its consequences such that it took the death of the Son of God to save man from it.

Dear friend, God’s love for us is so deep it cannot be adequately explained in human language. Our heavenly Father loves us so much that He made the ultimate sacrifice to save us – He gave up His only Son. Jesus came to our world as God’s gift to us, our only hope. All other blessings that the Father continues to give to us come through this heavenly Carrier of grace, Jesus Christ our Saviour. We now have a direct access to the throne of God, and we may ask whatever we need in the name of Jesus. Have you burdens to bear? Are you in need of grace? Ask from Him who promises to give you grace to help you in your time of need. May the Almighty God continue to pour His blessings upon you! Amen!