

WORD

of

God

“In the Beginning was the Word”

John 1:1-18

# The Pre-Existent Word

- John 1:1-3 - “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.”



# The Pre-Existent Word

- He is the constant word
  - John 8:56-58 - “Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad. 57 Then the Jews said to Him, You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham? 58 Jesus said to them, Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.”
- He didn't come into being in Bethlehem; He has been forever. Contrast this with John in verse 6
  - John 1:6 - “There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.”

# The Pre-Existent Word

- He is the constant, unchanging Word of God
  - Heb. 13:8, 5 - “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. 5... For He Himself has said, I will never leave you nor forsake you.”



# The Pre-Existent Word

- He is the communing word
- Jesus was with God in heaven as a distinct Being
  - John 1:18 - “No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.”
- He was there when God made man in His image
  - Gen. 1:26 - “Then God said, Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness...”

# The Pre-Existent Word

- Jesus was with God when the plan to redeem the world was formed
  - Rev. 13:8 - “All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.”
  - Eph. 1:4 - “Just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love”

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- Titus 1:2 - “In hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began”
- 1Peter 1:18-20 - “Knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. 20 He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you”

# The Pre-Existent Word

- He is the controversial word
  - When Jesus came preaching repentance, men thought He was strange - Mark 1:15
  - When He began to heal and perform miracles, men thought He was a prophet sent by God - John 3:2.
  - When He spoke the Word of God with power, men thought He was amazing - Luke 4:36.
  - When Jesus claimed equality with God, men thought He was crazy - John 19:7, 14:9



# The Pre-Existent Word

- Men still fight these truths. They are willing to accept the humble Christ, the teaching Christ, the meek Christ, the dead Christ, the serving Christ. But they will not acknowledge Jesus Christ as Almighty God the Son.
  - Phil. 2:5-8 - “Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, 7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.”

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- He is the creative word
  - Col. 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.”
  - Heb. 11:3 - “By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.”
  - Matt. 28:18 - “And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.”

# The Personified Word

- John 1:14 - “And the Word became 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.”
- The manner of His Incarnation



# The Personified Word

- The mystery of His Incarnation
  - 1John 1:1-2 - “That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life-- 2 the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us”
  - John 20:24-29

# The Personified Word

- The majesty of His Incarnation
  - Matt. 17:1-2 - “Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; 2 and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light.”
  - Rom. 5:8 - “But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”
  - John 15:13 - “Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.”

# The Proclaiming Word

- John 1:15-18 - “John bore witness of Him and cried out, saying, This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me is preferred before me, for He was before me.' 16 And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace. 17 For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 18 No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.”

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- John 14:7 - “If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him.”
- Col. 1:15 - “He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.”
- Heb. 1:3 - “Who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high”

# The Proclaiming Word

- He came to proclaim light
  - John 1:4-9 - “In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. 6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. 8 He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. 9 That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world.”



# The Proclaiming Word

- Jesus came to illuminate the path to God for humankind
  - John 3:36 - “He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.”



# The Proclaiming Word

- He came to proclaim life
  - John 1:10-13 - “He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. 11 He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. 12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: 13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.”

# The Proclaiming Word

- Eternal life does not come by birthright or bloodlines, not by works of righteousness or will of men, not by the doctrines of men or the good intentions of mothers
  - John 10:9 - “I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.”
  - John 14:6 - “Jesus said to him, I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”

# The Proclaiming Word

- John 6:36-40 - “But I said to you that you have seen Me and yet do not believe. 37 All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out. 38 For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. 39 This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day. 40 And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day.”