

A New Beginning (John 1:1-28)

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(1) 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 was not any thing made that was made. (4) In him was life, and the life was the light of men. (5) The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

(6) There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. (7) He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. (8) He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. (9) The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.

(10) He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. (11) He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. (12) But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, (13) who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

(14) And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

(15) (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") (16) For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. (17) For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. (18) No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

(19) And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" (20) He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ." (21) And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No." (22) So they said to him, "Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" (23) He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said." (24) (Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.)

(25) They asked him, "Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" (26) John answered them, "I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, (27) even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie." (28) These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing. [John 1:1-28 ESV]

Practical Application

1. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is the Word.
2. Jesus is God.
3. God came to earth to do for us what we could never do for ourselves. He came to save us.
4. Jesus, the uncreated one, created you, and He created everything that exists.
5. Creation life, abundant life (now), and eternal life (forever) are found in Christ.
6. The light of Christ can overcome any darkness in the heavens, earth, in you, or around you.
7. God has called you to believe in Jesus Christ and to receive Him as your Lord and Savior.
8. God has called and sent you to bear witness to the True Light of the world because He wants all to believe.
9. True enlightenment comes through Christ.
10. You can be a child of God through believing in and receiving Jesus.

11. Everyone who has been born on earth needs to be born of God in salvation.
12. Grace and truth come to us fully through God the Son.
13. The glory of God can be seen in Christ, the only Son of God.
14. Jesus has higher rank than anyone from the past, in the present, or into the future.
15. You can have the fullness of Christ.
16. In Christ you can have grace, upon grace, upon grace, upon grace, upon grace...
17. Grace and truth come through the Son of God.
18. Jesus has made the one true God known, and you can know God personally.
19. When we know who we are in Christ we can be secure, stable, faithful, & obedient in order to fulfill God's purpose.
20. How will you use your voice this week to point others to Christ?
21. New Beginnings start with Jesus. Humble yourself before Him today.

Announcements

- Celebrate Christmas with us this December! Invite others to join us.
- Be praying for our Men's Ministry and an expanded Small Group Ministry for 2023.
- Wednesday Nights (6:30-7:30): Adult Small Group (Systematic Theology) and Children's Awana.
- Hope Mountain Youth: (Wednesday Nights: 6pm) In the Youth Building.

Systematic Theology Overview (Doctrine of God)

1. God's Providence: What is the extent of God's control over creation? If God controls all, how can our actions have meaning?
2. Prayer: Why does God want us to pray? How can we pray effectively?