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THE ETERNAL GLORY OF THE WORD (JESUS CHRIST) – 1:1-2

THE WORD IS ETERNALLY PREEXISTENT – ¹ *IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD,*

- “*IN THE BEGINNING...*” REMINDS US OF THE FIRST WORDS OF GENESIS
 - GENESIS 1:1
- BEFORE CREATION, JESUS, THE WORD, IS ETERNALLY EXISTENT
 - COLOSSIANS 1:17
 - THE STORY OF INCARNATION AND REDEMPTION IN THE SON OF GOD IS AS ETERNAL AS GOD
 - SALVATION BY MEANS OF A SUFFERING SAVIOR IS NOT A REACTION TO THE MISFORTUNE OF SIN
- THE WORD WAS NEVER CREATED
 - HE IS THE “I AM”
 - EXODUS 3:13–14
 - JOHN 8:58

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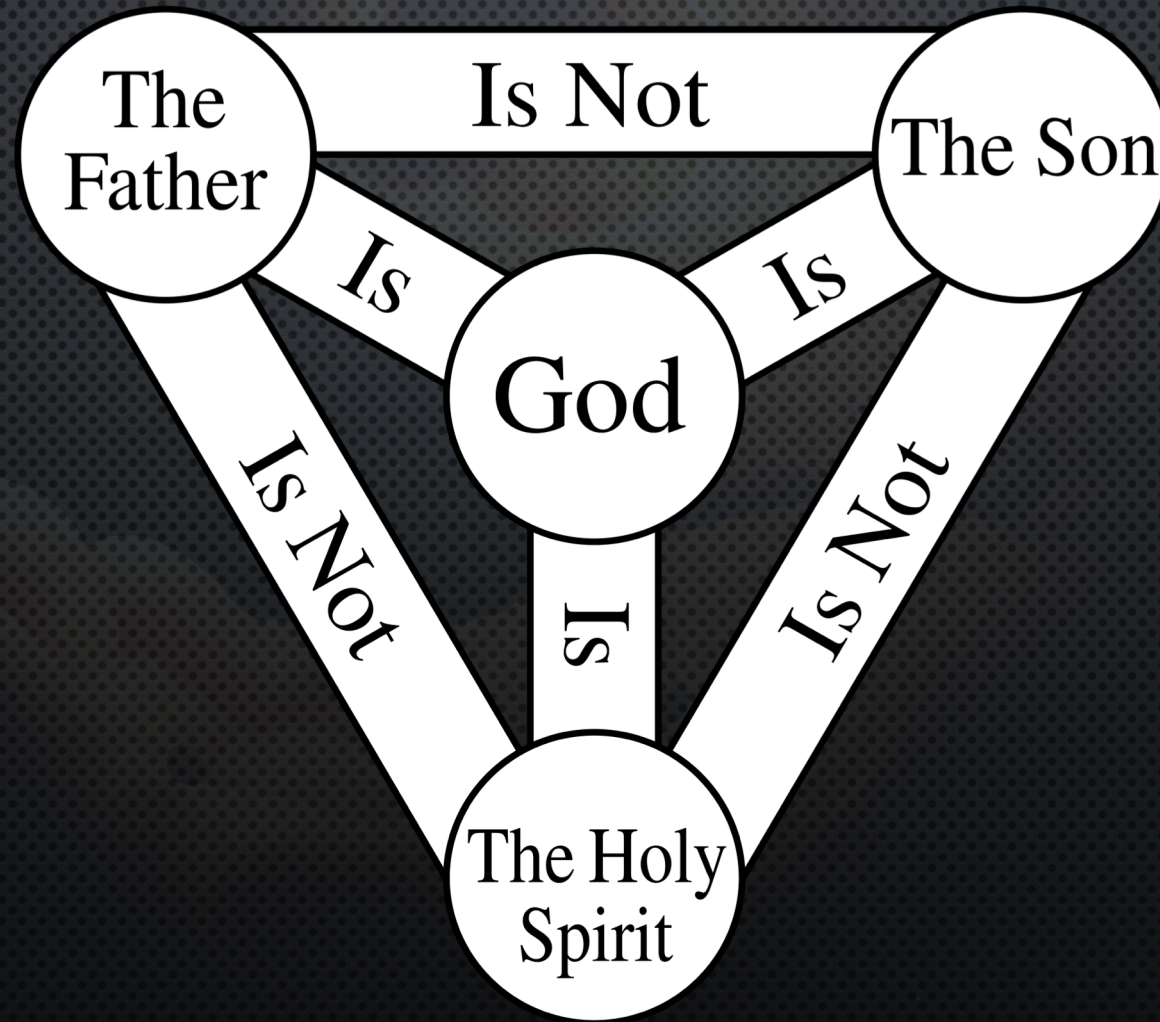
- JOHN USES THE GREEK “LOGOS” TRANSLATED “WORD”
 - THE SENSE OF LOGOS IS THAT OF **COMMUNICATION**
 - GOD DESIRES TO REVEAL HIMSELF
 - GOD’S COMMUNICATION TO MEN AND WOMEN IS JESUS, THE ETERNAL SON OF GOD
 - 2 CORINTHIANS 8:9
 - PHILIPPIANS 2:5–11

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THE WORD IS IN ETERNAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE FATHER – “*AND THE WORD WAS WITH GOD,*”

- “*WITH*” LITERALLY MEANS THE WORD WAS **TOWARD** GOD
- THE FATHER AND THE SON ARE IN ETERNAL CONNECTION
 - 1 JOHN 1:2
- THE WORD IN NO WAY OR AT NO TIME DISPLACES THE FATHER
- THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE FATHER AND THE SON, BY IMPLICATION SHOWS EQUALITY AND INTIMACY IN THE TRINITY – GOD BEING THE FATHER, THE SON, AND THE HOLY SPIRIT – EXISTS ETERNALLY

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THE WORD IS ETERNALLY GOD – *“AND THE WORD WAS GOD.”*

- THE WORD IS BOLDLY AND CLEARLY DEITY
- JESUS ALWAYS EXISTS AS GOD, LIVING IN FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD THE FATHER, AND BY IMPLICATION, IN FELLOWSHIP GOD THE SPIRIT
- THE CHURCH WAS QUICK TO CODIFY THE UNDERSTANDING THAT JESUS IS GOD
 - ROMANS 9:5
 - HEBREWS 1:8–9

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THE WORD IS ETERNALLY CONNECTED WITH THE FUNCTION AND PURPOSE OF GOD – “*HE WAS IN THE BEGINNING WITH GOD.*”

- THIS VERSE IS A RESTATEMENT OF WHAT JOHN SAID IN THE PREVIOUS VERSES
- JOHN WANTS TO DRIVE THE POINT HOME
- THE WORD IS ETERNAL AND THE WORD IS IN CONSTANT HARMONY AND FELLOWSHIP WITH THE FATHER
- THIS IS A POINT JOHN WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE
 - JOHN 5:18

THE WORD IS THE CREATOR GOD (1:3)

³ *ALL THINGS WERE MADE THROUGH HIM, AND WITHOUT HIM WAS NOT ANY THING MADE THAT WAS MADE.*

- EVERYTHING THAT EXISTS OWES ITS EXISTENCE TO THE WORD
 - PSALM 33:6
- NO MEMBER OF THE GODHEAD ACTED ALONE AT THE TIME OF CREATION
 - 1 CORINTHIANS 8:6
- JOHN WANTS US TO KNOW THAT JESUS WAS ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN CREATION AND HIS CREATIVE MAJESTY IS TO BE HONORED
- OTHER NEW TESTAMENT WRITERS HONOR THE CREATIVE POWER OF JESUS AS WELL
 - COLOSSIANS 1:16–17
 - HEBREWS 1:2–3
- IT IS IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND THAT AS THE CREATOR OF ALL THINGS, HE CANNOT BE CREATED

THE WORD IS THE LIFE AND LIGHT OF GOD (1:4-5)

⁴ IN HIM WAS LIFE, AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN.

- JOHN'S POINT HERE IS THAT JESUS IS THE GIVER OF SPIRITUAL LIFE AND LIGHT
- WE ARE MEANT TO BE ENCOURAGED WITH THE KNOWLEDGE THAT JESUS BRINGS LIGHT TO A DARKENED WORLD AND TO DARKENED HEARTS
 - LIFE AND LIGHT ARE NO LONGER PART OF THE NATURAL ORDER OF PEOPLE BECAUSE OF SIN
 - SPIRITUAL LIFE AND LIGHT ARE SUPERNATURAL GIFTS BROUGHT BY THE CREATOR FOR THE BLESSING AND BENEFIT OF HIS PEOPLE IN NEED
- THROUGH THE COMMUNICATION OF TRUTH THROUGH JESUS, THERE IS VIVIFICATION AND ILLUMINATION
 - JOHN 3:3
 - JOHN 8:12

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⁵ *THE LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS, AND THE DARKNESS HAS NOT OVERCOME IT.*

- THE FUNCTION OF LIGHT IS TO REMOVE DARKNESS
- SINFUL PEOPLE ARE NOT NATURALLY DRAWN TO THE LIGHT, BUT ARE REPELLED AND REPULSED BY THE LIGHT
 - JOHN 3:19-21
- THE WORD WHO SHINES WITH GOSPEL GLORY, IS NOT PASSIVE AND DISTANT
 - JESUS REVEALS TO SINFUL MEN AND WOMEN THE LIGHT OF HOPE AND SALVATION FROM THE DARKNESS OF SIN
 - HEBREWS 7:25
 - THE DARKNESS OF SIN IS NO MATCH FOR THE LIGHT OF HELP AND HOPE THAT SHINES THROUGH THE GOSPEL OF JESUS

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

- HOW ARE YOU WORSHIPING AND HONORING JESUS AS THE ETERNAL AND GLORIOUS GOD?
- IN WHAT WAYS DO YOU TRUST AND REST IN JESUS AS THE ALL-POWERFUL CREATOR?
- HOW IS JESUS BREAKING INTO YOUR DEAD AND DARK WORLD WITH LIFE AND LIGHT?
- ARE YOU SENSING YOUR HEART AND LIFE BEING DRAWN INTO THE LIGHT OF HELP AND HOPE IN JESUS?



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