

The Greatness of Christ – His Pre-existence & Incarnation (John 1:1-4)

- Many see the Christmas season as the best time of the year – joyous!
- It can only be joyous – if we have a right view of the incarnate Christ.
- The incarnation is the foundation of all godliness (1 Tim 3:16)

I. Eternally Pre -Existent (1:1a)

- “In the beginning” reminds us of the first words in Genesis 1:1
- John refers to creation (vv.3-4) but quickly turns to new creation (v.4)
- The “Word” connected to activity of creation, revelation & salvation
- Personification of “Word” applied to God’s ultimate self-disclosure
- “in the beginning was the Word” Jesus always was: “was continuing”

II. Eternally in Relationship (1:1b)

- “**And the Word was with God**” lit. Word was toward God- face to face
- Preposition: “with”- bears idea of nearness – movement toward God
- Intimate Triune fellowship always existed: Father, Son, Holy Spirit
- This fellowship becomes ours when we are saved & united to Christ.

III. Eternally God (1:1c-2)

- “and the Word was God” lit. Word was God in essence & character
- He is said, distinctly/emphatically to be God. God manifest in the flesh

IV. Eternally Creator (1:3)

- **Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made.”**
- Nothing is out of His control (Col 1:16,17; Heb 1:2-3; 1 John 5:20)