

Morning Sermon 7/3/2022 –  
“The Word...” John 1:1-5 & :14

I. *Jesus is the eternal Word, the eternal Son of God –*

**1 In the beginning was the Word, ... John 1:1 A (NKJV)**

1. *The three words which start John’s Gospel, 1 “In the beginning” are meant to remind us of the start of the entire Bible, in Genesis 1:1 –*

**1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:1 (NKJV)**

A. *However, here in John 1 they take us behind the scene of creation because here the fourth word is “was” In the beginning was ...*

B. *The word “was” is important here; and clear, as in the Greek it is in the imperfect tense which refers to a continuous, constant state – was here means **the Word** was already in existence, **In the beginning**, and was always, never not in existence, eternal! Jesus as the Word is an eternal Being –*

2. *Of course, other parts of John’s Gospel and Scripture backs this idea, throughout John’s Gospel the “I AM” title is used, here I will refer to John 8 -*

<sup>58</sup> **Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.” John 8:58 (NKJV)**

A. *Here Jesus is claiming for Himself the Name of the Eternal God, which God called Himself, when asked by Moses, what is Your Name?*

<sup>14</sup> **And God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” And He said, “Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’ ” Exodus 3:14 (NKJV)**

B. *Paul also, claims both Deity and eternity for our Lord Jesus Christ -*

<sup>5</sup> **of whom are the fathers and from whom, according to the flesh, Christ came, who is over all, the eternally blessed God. Amen. Romans 9:5 (NKJV)**

3. *This truth goes against the false notion that Arians and Jehovah Witnesses promote; that Jesus had a “beginning” in time. As a man, Jesus did have a beginning, but as God He is eternal, where both groups erred is in their emphasis on the word “son” –*

A. *Son of God: both Jehovah Witnesses and Arians put a wrong emphasis on the word “son” in Son of God and they add human limitations to this word. My “son” or sons, are younger than I, therefore born in time, they have a “beginning.”*

B. *Yet Jesus is the Son of God: Putting the emphasis on Jesus’ of God-ness makes this easier to understand. Cats bare kittens, dogs puppies, human beings have human babies, all these share the characteristics of their parents. One of God’s attributes is He is eternal, so is His Son! Eternity is part of His of God-ness.*

II. *Jesus Christ, was and is, eternally WITH God –*  
... and the Word was with God, ... John 1:1 B (NKJV)

1. *What is communicated here is both unity and intimacy –*

*The Greek word translated “with” here “προς” literally means face to face –*

*It implies both intimacy and unity ...*

2. *John’s use of the word, “Word” here for Jesus is the same as Solomon’s use of the Word “Wisdom” – Wisdom is the subject of Proverb’s 8, but by verse :30 this is a Personified concept and most commentators say, this is a reference to our Lord Jesus -*

<sup>30</sup> **Then I was beside Him as a master craftsman; and I was daily His delight, Rejoicing always before Him, Proverbs 8:30 (NKJV)**

*Of course, there is no doubt about Jesus’ being God the Father’s “delight” –*

<sup>17</sup> **And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” Matthew 3:17 (NKJV)**

3. *However, the “unity” here is not only a “unity of pleasure” but also a UNITY of PURPOSE*

<sup>27</sup> **My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. <sup>28</sup> And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. <sup>29</sup> My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father’s hand. <sup>30</sup> I and My Father are one.” John 10:27–30 (NKJV)**

A. *God the Father and God the Son, are unified in their goal to save us*

B. *With both of them also is a third Person, the Holy Spirit*

C. *The unity of the Godhead in their purpose of salvation is our reason for believing –*

<sup>6</sup> **being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ; Philippians 1:6 (NKJV)**

III. *Jesus Christ, the WORD, was and is God –*  
...and the Word was God. John 1:1 C (NKJV)

1. *Here is the plain statement of what we already know ...*

2. *This means Jesus shares with God the Father, and the Holy Spirit, all the attributes of God –*

*Westminster Shorter Catechism - What is God?*

God is a Spirit, (John 4:24) infinite, (Job 11:7–9) eternal, (Psalm 90:2) and unchangeable, (James 1:17) in his being, (Exodus 3:14) wisdom, (Psalm 147:5) power, (Revelation 4:8) holiness, (Revelation 15:4) justice, goodness, and truth. (Exodus 34:6–7)

IV. *Jesus Christ as the Word here is introduced as our Creator, our Light and our Life -*

<sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. <sup>4</sup> In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup> And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. John 1:2–5 (NKJV)

1. *Note here again a similarity to the Book of Genesis –*

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup> The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

<sup>3</sup> Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. <sup>4</sup> And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup> God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day. Genesis 1:1–5 (NKJV)

A. *God’s creation is emphasized in both passages, yet here in John our Lord Jesus Christ, in His pre-incarnate, eternal Word form is given credit for His role in creation of all things --*

<sup>3</sup> All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. John 1:3

B. *Light is mentioned in both passages, in Genesis it is the first thing created ... In John, Jesus is Himself the Source of Light, Light that is beyond mere physical created Light, rather He Himself is Light –*

<sup>12</sup> Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, **“I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.”** John 8:12 (NKJV)

C. *Jesus is the source of Life and Light –*

**... I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.** John 10:10 (NKJV)

D. *Jesus is the WORD by which God speaks things into existence –*

<sup>3</sup> Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. Genesis 1:3

<sup>3</sup> 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. Hebrews 11:3 (NKJV)

2. *As the Light of the World, Jesus is obviously beyond the created light of this world –*

A. *He is a Spiritual / Moral Light –*

<sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness Have seen a great light; Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, Upon them a light has shined. Isaiah 9:2 (NKJV)

B. *He is a Light beyond all other light –*

<sup>23</sup> The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. **The Lamb is its light.** Revelation 21:23 (NKJV)

<sup>5</sup> There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever. Revelation 22:5 (NKJV)

3. *In Him also is LIFE – <sup>4</sup> In Him was life, ... John 1:4 A (NKJV)*

A. *John in his first letter calls Jesus the Word of Life –*

**1 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—  
1 John 1:1 (NKJV)**

B. *This idea, goes beyond, and yet fits with true science –*

*DNA – is code, language, words, instructions built by God into every living creature, the reason none of our noses is 6 foot long is not because no one LIES, but rather DNA regulates, limits the length of the human nose ...*

*The fact we have a code, information inside us, makes time and chance evolution impossible! Darwin never dreamed of DNA; his followers follow him in blind faith! It is like believing if you took a bomb to a library the pieces would fall into a GIANT DICTIONARY, with every word in alphabetical order, and yet this is accomplished: (without an original library / and without a bomb)*

V. *Jesus is the Word made flesh; God is our language –*

**<sup>14</sup> 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. John 1:14 (NKJV)**

1. *John 1:14 leaves it beyond any doubt that the WORD here is our Lord Jesus!*

2. *He is the Word made flesh because He is God in our language –*

**1 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, <sup>2</sup> has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; <sup>3</sup> 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, Hebrews 1:1–3 (NKJV)**

3. *The word, “Word” in John 1 tells us that our God is a Communicator!*

4. *Jesus as “the Word” is God’s ultimate communication –*

5. *We live in an age of Smart-phones, the internet, language-translators yet all these pale in comparison to God’s Communication to us in Christ, the Word made flesh, in Him we behold:*

A. *God’s glory –*

**<sup>1</sup> The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork. Psalm 19:1 (NKJV)**

**<sup>31</sup> Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.**

**1 Corinthians 10:31 (NKJV)**

B. *Yet in Christ, in the Word, we behold God’s glory in a totally unique way –*

**... the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14 (NKJV)**

*Application:*

1. *See Jesus Christ’s nature and glory as the NATURE and GLORY of Eternal God!*

2. *Realize the salvation Jesus’ provides is the salvation of God!*

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