

1. Person of the Word

Word: Λόγος (Logos)



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In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. - Genesis 1:1



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“God’s ‘Word’ in the Old Testament is his powerful self-expression in creation, revelation and salvation, and the personification of the ‘Word’ makes it suitable for John to apply it as a title to God’s ultimate self-disclosure, the person of His own Son.”

- D.A. Carson, *The Gospel According to John*



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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.
- John 1:14



2. Power of the Word

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. (v.1-2)



A. Eternal

In the beginning *was continually* the Word, and the Word *was continually* with God, and the Word *was continually* God.



A. Eternal

“Jesus was always wasing...”



B. Relational

...the Word was with God... (v.1)



B. Relational

“the Word was continually *toward* God.”



B. Relational

“The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.”
- Numbers 6:24-26



C. Divine

... and the Word was God. (v.1)



D. Creator

All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. (v.3)



D. Creator

For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth... all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together...
- Colossians 1:16-17



D. Creator

"... he upholds the universe by the word of his power."
- Hebrews 1:3



D. Creator



2. Power of the Word

"Jesus is the eternal, relational, divine, creator and sustainer of all things."



3. Purpose of the Word



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In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. (v.4-5)



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The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.

- Isaiah 9:2



3. Purpose of the Word

Sin is not primarily an action; it's a disposition. It's our soul's aversion to God. Sin is manifested in our pride, our selfishness, our independence, and our lack of love for God and others. Sometimes sin is very obvious and external; other times it's hidden and internal.

- Robert Thune, *Gospel Centered Life*



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Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

- John 8:12

Jesus says, "I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness."

- John 12:6

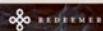


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4. Personally Experiencing the Word

A. Life Abundant

B. Secure Hope



A. Life abundant

In him was life... (v.4)



A. Life abundant

"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."
- John 14:6



A. Life abundant

"...I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."
- John 10:10b



A. Life abundant

Challenge: Memorize John 1:1-18



B. Secure hope

... and the darkness has not overcome it. (v. 5)



B. Secure hope

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."
- John 16:33



B. Secure hope

You, Lord, keep my lamp burning; my God turns my darkness into light.

- Psalm 18:28



Augustine of Hippo -

"The Word of the Father, by whom all time was created, was made flesh and was born In time for us. He, without whose divine permission no day completes its course, wished to have one day [set aside] for His human birth... The Maker of man became Man...that He, the Bread, might be hungry; that He, the Fountain, might thirst; ...



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... that He, the Light, might sleep; that He, the Way, might be wearied by the journey; that He, the Truth, might be accused by false witnesses; that He, the Judge of the living and the dead, might be brought to trial by a mortal judge; that He, Justice, might be condemned by the unjust; ... that He, the Foundation, might be suspended upon a cross ...



Augustine of Hippo -

... that Courage might be weakened; that Security might be wounded; that Life might die. To endure these and similar indignities for us, to free us, unworthy creatures, He who existed as the Son of God before all ages, without a beginning, deigned to become the Son of Man in these recent years. ...



Augustine of Hippo -

... He did this although He who submitted to such great evils for our sake had done no evil and although we, who were the recipients of so much good at His hands, had done nothing to merit these benefits."

