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In the Beginning...

John 1:1-14

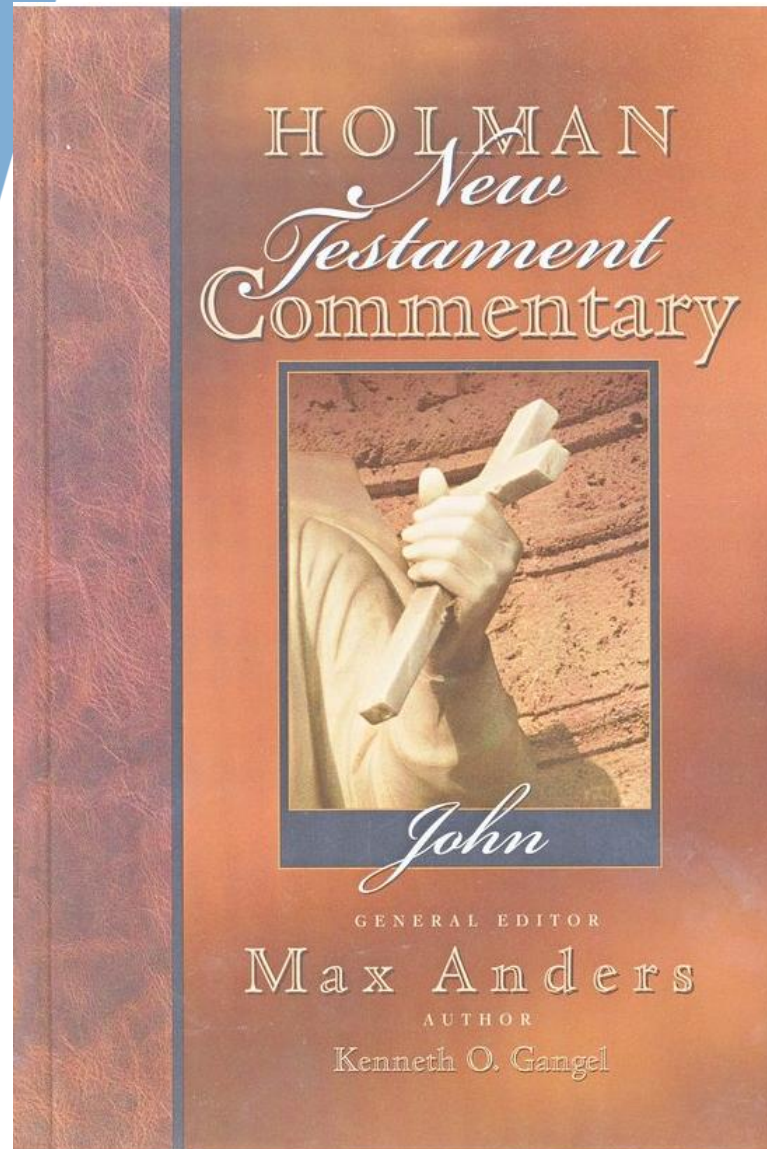
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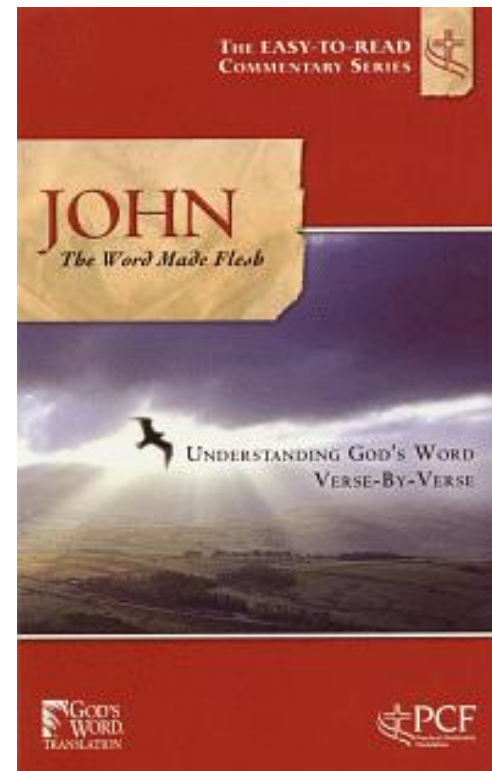
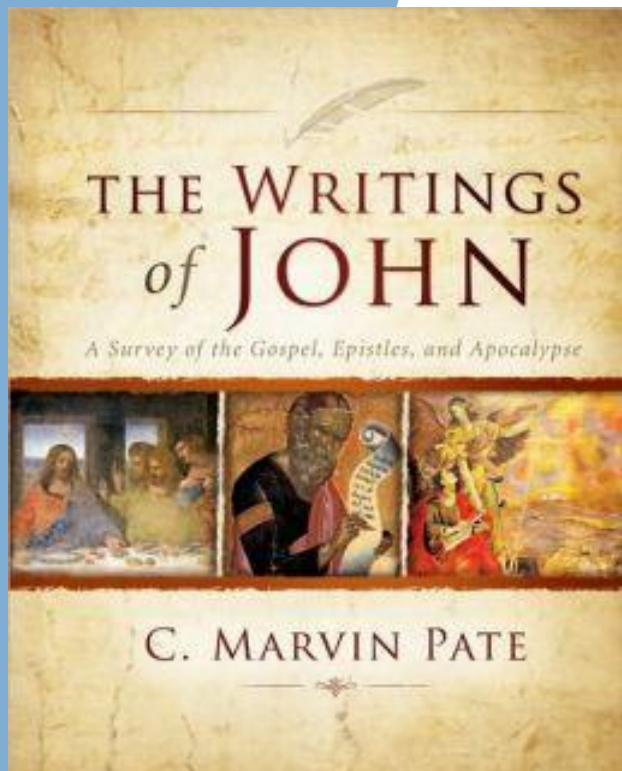
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Quote ...

“Don't let obstacles along the road to eternity shake your confidence in God's promise. The Holy Spirit is God's seal that you will arrive.”

David Jeremiah



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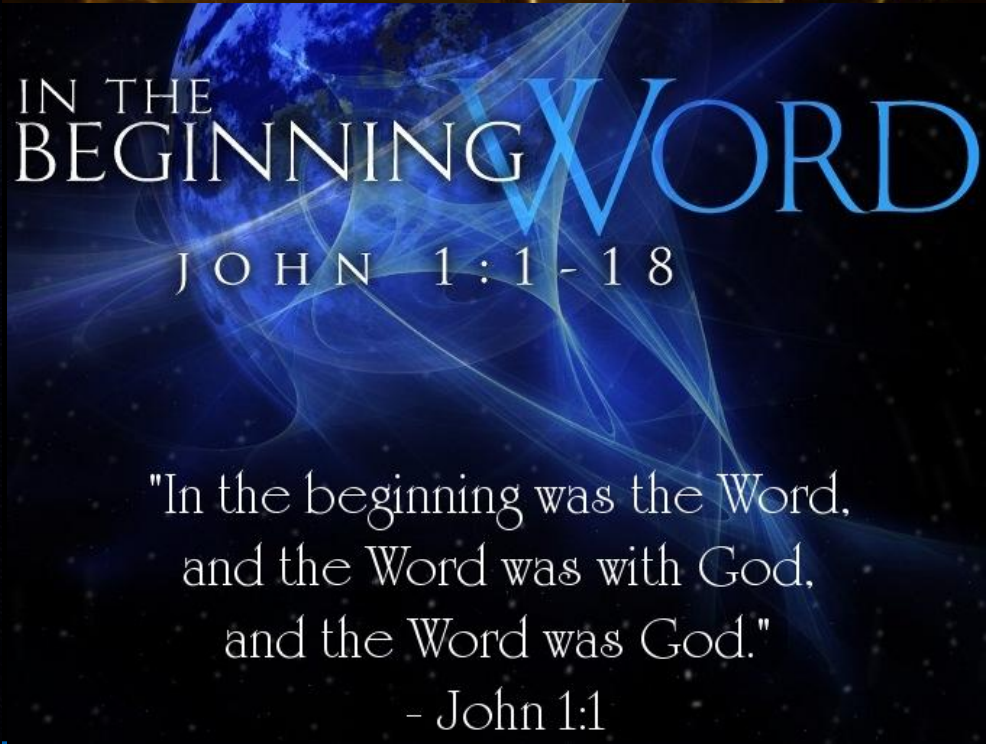
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In the Beginning...

Text – New King James Version

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The Eternal Word

John 1:1-5 - *NKJV*



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 nothing was made that was made. **4** In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. **5** And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

--- John 1:1-5 ... *NKJV*

John's Witness: The True Light

John 1:6-13 - *NKJV*



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--- John 1:6-9 ... *NKJV*

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--- John 1:10-13 ... *NKJV*

The Word Becomes Flesh

John 1:14-18 - *NKJV*



14 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*



Lesson Outline

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The Eternal Word

John 1:1-5

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John 1:1-2 - Observations



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.

■ In the Beginning was the Word

• The Word was before the Beginning

- ✓ Attests to the pre-existence of Jesus
 - Before the creation of time and space
 - Jesus existed in eternity past (*not created*)

• The Word was with God

- ✓ Attests to Jesus as distinct from God
 - Mystery of the Trinity - infinite concept

• The Word was God

- ✓ Attest to the divinity of Jesus
 - Mystery of the Trinity - infinite concept

• He was in the beginning with God

- ✓ Attests to the personal nature of God/Jesus
 - Note the personal pronoun - **He**
 - » God is a personal God ... God is not some impersonal force - be it wisdom, nature
 - » Jesus is Eternal ... the Eternal Word

SPOILER ALERT:
JESUS IS THE WORD



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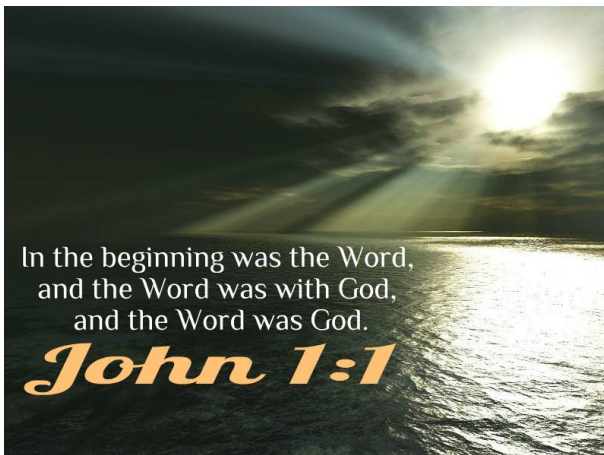


- A technical term in philosophy, beginning with Heraclitus (ca. 535–475 BC), who used the term for a principle of order and knowledge.
- Ancient philosophers used the term in different ways. The **sophists** used the term to mean **discourse**, and **Aristotle** applied the term to refer to "**reasoned discourse**" or "**the argument**" in the field of rhetoric.

- The **Stoic philosophers** identified the term with the divine animating principle pervading the Universe.

- Under **Hellenistic Judaism**, Philo (ca. 20 BC - AD 50) adopted the term into Jewish philosophy

- The Gospel of John identifies the **Logos**, through which all things are made, as divine (*theos*), and further identifies Jesus as the incarnate Logos.



John 1:1-2 - Observations



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■ In the Beginning was the Word

- Reminiscent of Genesis 1:1-2
- Creation

✓ How many days did it take?

- 6

✓ How many “goods” were declared by God?

- 6- goods ... 1 very good
 - » Day 1 ... one good
 - » Day 2 ... zero goods
 - » Day 3 ... two goods
 - » Day 4 ... one good
 - » Day 5 ... one good
 - » Day 6 ... one good
 - » End of creation ... one very good

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. **2** 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. -- [Genesis 1:1-2 ... NKJV](#)

Genesis1 - Survey



Day	Spoken Word	God Names/Blesses	God saw ...
1	"Let there be light"	Light-Day; Darkness- Night	it was good
2	"Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide waters from waters"	Heaven	<i>None</i>
3	<p>"Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear"</p> <p>-----</p> <p>"Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb that yields sees, and the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth."</p>	Dry land-Earth; Waters – Seas	<p>is was good.</p> <p>is was good.</p>
			Without form
4	"Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years; and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth"		<p>void</p> <p>is was good.</p>
5	"Let the waters abound with an abundance of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the face of the firmament of the heavens."	"Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiple on the earth."	is was good .
6	<p>"Let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind: cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, each according to it's kind."</p> <p>-----</p> <p>"Let us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, overall the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."</p>	"Be fruitful and multiple; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."	<p>is was good.</p> <p>everything that He made, and indeed it was very good.</p>

John 1:3 - Observations



³ All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

■ All things were made through Him

• Without Him nothing was made that was made

✓ The “Him” here is the Word

- Him = Word = Jesus

✓ Everything God creates **ex nihilo**

- Hebrews 11:3

- Visible Physical world

- Invisible .. Spiritual world

³ 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

• John is linking Genesis with Stoic Greek thought

✓ God of Genesis and the Word (logos) are the same

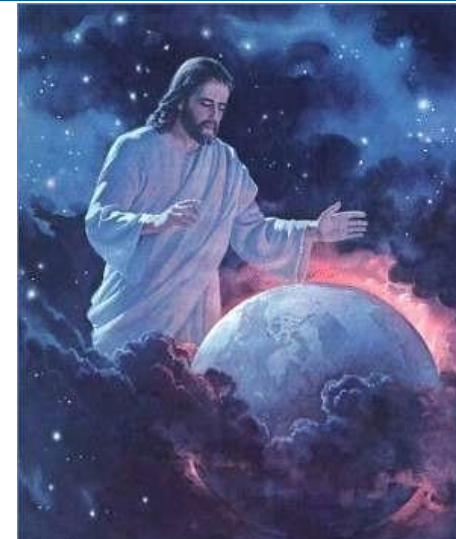
- They are eternal

✓ **Unlike** the Stoic Greeks however

- Logos is **personal**

- Not just a **principle**

SPOILER ALERT:
JESUS IS “HIM”



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John 1:4 - Observations



⁴ In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

■ Life and Light

• In Him was life

✓ Jesus (*the Word*) is the source of all life

✓ John 14:6

⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, **and the life**. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

– John 14:6 ... NKJV

- All life exists by the perfect will of "*the Word*"

• The life was the light of men

✓ "the life" - this particular life ... is the **Light** of all mankind

✓ Light

- The very essence of the **Word**

- Expression that all of mankind has been made in the image of God

- **Tripartite** nature of man

» **Body**

» **Soul**

» **Spirit** - the essence of God

» John 4:24

²⁴ God *is* Spirit, and those who worship Him **must** worship in spirit and truth."

– John 4:24 ... NKJV

John 1:5 - Observations



⁵ And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

■ Light shines in the darkness

• Contrasts LIGHT and DARKNESS

- ✓ Understanding (LIGHT) vs Ignorance (DARKNESS)
- ✓ Good (LIGHT) vs Evil (DARKNESS)
- ✓ Jesus (LIGHT) vs Satan (DARKNESS)

■ The darkness did not comprehend it

- other translations ... “apprehend it”
- LIGHT trumps DARKNESS
- Heavens and Earth created in darkness ... Genesis 1:3-5
- Evil hates the light ... John 3:19-21

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

¹⁸ “He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. ¹⁹ And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. ²⁰ For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. ²¹ But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God.” – John 3:18-21 ... NKJV

Principle - Application Table ... John 1:1-5



John Chapter 01		
Verses	Principle	Application
The Eternal Word ... John 1:1-5		
1-5	God is pure light, in Him is life eternal.	<p>I resolve to live in the light of God, in fellowship with the Holy Spirit, for the honor of my Lord.</p> <p>⁵ This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷ But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.</p> <p>--- 1 John 1: 5-6 ... NKJV</p>



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The True Light

John 1:6-13

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John 1:6-7 - Observations



⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name *was* John. ⁷ This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe.

■ John was sent by God

• What John are we talking about here?

✓ John the Baptist

• For what purpose was John sent by God?

- ✓ To bear witness of the Eternal Light
 - The Light is Jesus the Word
- ✓ That all through him might believe
 - Through John's testimony regarding Jesus
 - All have the opportunity to believe
 - » "might believe" ... Not all will believe
 - » God would have all believe (2 Peter 3:9)
 - » Man has a "free will" to choose his eternity

⁹ The Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

– 2 Peter 3:9 ... NKJV

Profile - John the Baptist



▪ John the Baptist ... (Luke 1, 7)

• Birth

- ✓ Foretold by **Gabriel** the angel
- ✓ Filled with the **Holy Spirit**
 - In his mother's womb
- ✓ **MOTHER**: Elizabeth
- ✓ **FATHER**: Zachariah
- ✓ **Cousin of Jesus** .. 6 months older than Jesus

• Forerunner of Jesus - Prepare

- ✓ Challenged the people
 - Prepare for the coming Messiah
 - Turn from sin and be baptized
 - Symbol of repentance

• Baptized Jesus in the Jordan River

- ✓ Jesus did not need to be Baptized
- ✓ None born of woman greater than John (Luke 7:28)

• Beheaded

- ✓ In ~29 AD by Herod Antipas
- ✓ Plot devised by Herodias & daughter Salome
 - Illegal wife of Herod
 - Ex-wife of Herod's brother Philip



John 1:8-9 - Observations



⁸ He was not that Light, but *was sent* to bear witness of that Light. ⁹ That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world.

■ John was not the Light

- John **was not** ...
 - ✓ The true Light
- John was sent to ...
 - ✓ Bear witness of that Light
- True Light

²⁹ The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰ This is He of whom I said, 'After me comes a Man who is preferred before me, for He was before me.' ³¹ I did not know Him; but that He should be revealed to Israel, therefore I came baptizing with water." – John 1:29-31 ... NKJV

- ✓ The Eternal Light (Jesus) ... John 1:29-31
 - Gives light to all in the world
 - » A reference to Jesus' birth
 - » A reference to Common Grace to all man
- ✓ True Light is the Creator
 - Source of all Light and Life

✓ Is there a "false" light?

- 2 Corinthians 11:14

¹⁴ And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light.

– 2 Corinthians 11: 14 ... NKJV

COMPARISON

John was	Jesus is
a Man	God-Man
a Witness	the Word
a Servant	the Son

John 1:10 - Observations



10 He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him.

■ Jesus was In, and Rejected, by the World He Made

- He was in the world
 - ✓ Jesus the Eternal Light was in the world he created
 - Manifestation of Light was the first act of creation
 - » The first “Let there be ...”
- The world was made through Him
 - ✓ Jesus is the source of everything
- The world did not know Him
 - ✓ Jesus’ power & glory are evident throughout creation
 - ✓ Man is without excuse ... Romans 1:20
 - ✓ Men choose darkness ... John 3:20-21

20 For since the creation of the world His invisible *attributes* are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,
– Romans 1:20 ... NKJV

20 For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. **21** But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God.”
– John 3:20-21 ... NKJV

John 1:11-12 - Observations



11 He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. **12** But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

■ He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him

• Who are “His own”?

✓ Two possibilities

1. The chosen people of God

» Some translations have “*His own people*”

» The Jews ... Deuteronomy 14:2

2. All mankind

✓ Both possibilities are in view

• But as many as received Him

✓ He gave the right

- God is the one giving

✓ To become children of God

- Son's of God

- Who are the Sons of God?

2 For you *are* a holy people to the LORD your God, and the LORD has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples who *are* on the face of the earth. – Deuteronomy 14:2 ... NKJV

Sons of God

Angels – Created beings.

Adam – Pinnacle of God's creation.

Jesus – Only begotten Son ... John 3:16

Born-again Believers ... John 1:10-13

John 1:13 - Observations



¹³ who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

■ Who were born of God

- Those who receive Him and believe in His name

✓ ARE: Born of God **Spirit**

✓ ARE NOT: Born of ...

- Blood Hereditary qualification (*like Aaronic priesthood*)

Body

- The will of the flesh ... External works ... any outward acts of man

Soul

- The will of man Internal works ... any thoughts or emotions of man

- Jesus is the ONLY begotten son

✓ Physical - Father was the Holy Spirit

- Luke 1:35 - "... the Holy Spirit will come upon you..."

- Born-Again Believers

✓ Spiritual - Born of the Holy Spirit

- John 3:3-6; John 14:15-18; John 15:26; John 16:12-15

- Acts 1:8 -- "... the Holy Spirit has come upon you..."

- 1 John 4:1-3

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The True Light ... John 1:6-13		
6-13	God is a spirit, and those who worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth – Jesus is the Truth.	<p>I resolve to worship God in all that I do, in His spirit and in His Truth—who is Jesus Christ my Lord.</p> <p>By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, --- 1 John 4:2 ... NKJV</p>



In the Beginning...
The Word Becomes Flesh

John 1:14

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■ The Word became flesh

• The Word

✓ Became flesh

- The Holy Birth of Jesus
- Galatians 4:4-5

✓ Dwelt among us

- The incarnation
 - » God in the flesh
 - » *100% God ... 100% Man*
- Lived a sinless life
- Died on a cross for the sins of man
- Buried and raised from the grave
- Lives forevermore

JESUS IS THE WORD BECAME FLESH

THE WORD BECAME FLESH

4 But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, **5** to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

– Galatians 4:4-5... NKJV

John 1:14 - Observations



14 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.

- We beheld His glory

- ✓ Who are the “we” here?

- The Apostles, the disciples (followers of Christ) - Eyewitnesses

- ✓ Glory of God the Father

- Glory as of the only begotten of the Father

- » Jesus the Son of God’s glory - is the same as the Father’s glory

- Full of Grace and Truth

- » Characteristic of God’s glory - same as Jesus the Son’s glory

- » Only way to worship God is in spirit and in truth (John 4:24)

- » The Glory of God is only completely shone in Jesus His son (John 17:1-5)

17 Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: “Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, ² as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. ⁴ I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. ⁵ And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

-- John 17:1-5 ... NKJV

Jesus Prays for Himself in the “High Priestly Prayer – John 17”

Principle - Application Table ... John 1:14



John Chapter 01		
Verses	Principle	Application
The Word Becomes Flesh ... John 1:14		
14	The glory of God is revealed in the Glory of His Son – our savior, Jesus the Christ.	<p>I resolve to praise God for His glory revealed in his Son, by the Holy Spirit.</p> <p>¹³ However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own <i>authority</i>, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare <i>it</i> to you.</p> <p>--- John 16:13-14 ... NKJV</p>

