

## John 20: KJV

<sup>30</sup> And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book:

<sup>31</sup> But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

- John is going to give us reasons to believe in the person and work of Jesus

## John 1: KJV

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

<sup>2</sup> The same was in the beginning with God.

<sup>3</sup> All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

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<sup>14</sup> And the Word was made 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.

What do we learn about the Word of God (Logos: Something said including the thought.)

- The Word was in the beginning
- The Word was with God
- The Word was God
- The Word was in the beginning with God
- The Word made all things (really “ALL” things)
- The Word is a “him”
- The Word has life in him
- The Word was the light of men
- The Word became flesh
- The Word is Jesus (verse 14)

Since Jesus is the Word, what then do we know about Jesus?

- Jesus is the Word
- Jesus was in the beginning
- Jesus was with God
- Jesus was God
- Jesus made all things
- Jesus has life in himself
- Jesus was the light of men
- Jesus became flesh

Where else in the Bible are these doctrinal truths about Jesus reiterated?

## Colossians 1

<sup>15</sup> Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:

<sup>16</sup> For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

<sup>17</sup> And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

- Jesus created all things
- Jesus was in the beginning with God
- Jesus holds all things together

## Revelation 4:

<sup>8</sup> And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, LORD God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

<sup>9</sup> And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever,

<sup>10</sup> The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

<sup>11</sup> Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

- The Lord God Almighty created all things
- The Lord God Almighty liveth for ever and ever

Let us look at the equivalence of several verses:

- The Word created all things (1 John),
- Jesus created all things (Colossians),
- The Lord God Almighty created all things (Revelation)



# Genesis 1:

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

<sup>2</sup> And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

<sup>3</sup> And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

- The word for God is "Elohiym" (Plural intensive – singular meaning, plural unity)

We are getting a glimpse at the trinity of God. Think of a Musical triad chord (3 notes)

- Each note has the same substance (sound wave)
- Each note is unique (frequency)
- The whole is made up of all three notes

Each person in the trinity is wholly God, but no one person is all there is to God

# John 1:

<sup>4</sup> In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

- Physical life:
  - Jesus created all things
  - Jesus holds all things together
  - Acts 17:28: <sup>27</sup> That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us: <sup>28</sup> For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.

# John 1:

<sup>4</sup> In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

- Eternal life:
  - Eternal life is in Jesus
  - Eternal life is through Jesus
  - 1 John 5: <sup>11</sup> And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup> He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

## John 1:

<sup>4</sup> In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

<sup>5</sup> And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

- Let's look at an example

## John 8:

<sup>10</sup> When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee?

<sup>11</sup> She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.

<sup>12</sup> Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

Question: How does this passage demonstrate both light and darkness? Who was in darkness & how did Jesus shineth the light?

## John 1:

<sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

<sup>7</sup> The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe.

## Luke 1:

<sup>5</sup> There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judaea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the course of Abia: and his wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elisabeth.

<sup>6</sup> And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless.

<sup>7</sup> And they had no child, because that Elisabeth was barren, and they both were now well stricken in years. <sup>8</sup> And it came to pass, that while he executed the priest's office before God in the order of his course, <sup>9</sup> According to the custom of the priest's office, his lot was to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord. <sup>10</sup> And the whole multitude of the people were praying without at the time of incense. <sup>11</sup> And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. <sup>12</sup> And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him. <sup>13</sup> But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John. <sup>14</sup> And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth.



<sup>15</sup> For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb. <sup>16</sup> And many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their God. <sup>17</sup> And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

## John 1:

<sup>8</sup> He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.

<sup>9</sup> That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

- Question: What light is given to every man that is born?

## Romans 1:

<sup>17</sup> For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith. <sup>18</sup> For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; <sup>19</sup> Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. <sup>20</sup> For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: <sup>21</sup> Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

## John 1:

<sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.

- Think of the miracles he performed. When Jesus calmed the storm, his disciples began to understand who he was.

<sup>11</sup> He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

- The bulk of the Jewish nation rejected him

<sup>12</sup> But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

- What does it mean to believe on his name?
- John 6: <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.
- What are the names of Jesus?

# Names of Jesus:

- 1. **Almighty One** – “...who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.” Rev. 1:8
- 2. **Alpha and Omega** – “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.” Rev. 22:13
- 3. **Advocate** – “My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father--Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.” 1 John 2:1
- 4. **Author and Perfector of Our Faith** – “Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.” Heb. 12:2
- 5. **Authority** – “Jesus said, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.’” Matt. 28:18
- 6. **Bread of Life** – “Then Jesus declared, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.’” John 6:35
- 7. **Beloved Son of God** – “And behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” Matt. 3:17

- **8. Bridegroom** – *“And Jesus said to them, “Can the wedding guests mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them? The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast.” Matt. 9:15*
- **9. Chief Cornerstone** – *“The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief corner stone.” Ps. 118:22*
- **10. Deliverer** – *“And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.” 1 Thess.1:10*
- **11. Faithful and True** – *“I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and wages war.” Rev.19:11*
- **12. Good Shepherd** - *“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.” John 10:11*
- **13. Great High Priest** – *“Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.” Heb. 4:14*
- **14. Head of the Church** – *“And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church.” Eph. 1:22*

- **15. Holy Servant** – “...and grant that Your bond-servants may speak Your word with all confidence, while You extend Your hand to heal, and signs and wonders take place through the name of Your holy servant Jesus.” Acts 4:29-30
- **16. I Am** – “Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” John 8:58
- **17. Immanuel** – “...She will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel, which means 'God with us.'” Is. 7:14
- **18. Indescribable Gift** – “Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift.” 2 Cor. 9:15
- **19. Judge** – “...he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead.” Acts 10:42
- **20. King of Kings** – “These will wage war against the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, because He is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those who are with Him are the called and chosen and faithful.” Rev. 17:14
- **21. Lamb of God** – “The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” John 1:29

- **22. Light of the World** – *"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12*
- **23. Lion of the Tribe of Judah** – *"Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals." Rev. 5:5*
- **24. Lord of All** – *"For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." Phil. 2:9-11*
- **25. Mediator** – *"For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." 1 Tim. 2:5*
- **26. Messiah** – *"We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ)." John 1:41*
- **27. Mighty One** – *"Then you will know that I, the Lord, am your Savior, your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob." Is. 60:16*
- **28. One Who Sets Free** – *"So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." John 8:36*



- **29. Our Hope** – *“...Christ Jesus our hope.” 1 Tim. 1:1*
- **30. Peace** – *“For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility,” Eph. 2:14*
- **31. Prophet** – *“And Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household.” Mark 6:4*
- **32. Redeemer** – *“And as for me, I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last He will take His stand on the earth.” Job 19:25*
- **33. Risen Lord** – *“...that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.” 1 Cor. 15:3-4*
- **34. Rock** – *“For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ.” 1 Cor. 10:4*
- **35. Sacrifice for Our Sins** – *“This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.” 1 John 4:10*
- **36. Savior** – *“For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.” Luke 2:11*

- **37. Son of Man** – *“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.” Luke 19:10*
- **38. Son of the Most High** – *“He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David.” Luke 1:32*
- **39. Supreme Creator Over All** – *“By Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities-- all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together....” 1 Cor. 1:16-17*
- **40. Resurrection and the Life** – *“Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die.” John 11:25*
- **41. The Door** – *“I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture.” John 10:9*
- **42. The Way** – *“Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” John 14:6*
- **43. The Word** – *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” John 1:1*

- **44. True Vine** - *"I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser."* John 15:1
- **45. Truth** – *"And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."* John 8:32
- **46. Victorious One** – *"To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat down with my Father on his throne."* Rev. 3:21
- **47. – 50. Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace** – *"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."* Is. 9:6

## John 1:

<sup>12</sup> But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

<sup>13</sup> Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

- Not of blood: By birth, a descendent of father Abraham
- Not of the will of the flesh: By the good works or efforts of our flesh
- Not of the will of man: By some other man's efforts or persuasion
- But of God: Born again of the Spirit (we will cover this later in detail when we cover John chapter 3).

Jumping ahead a little...

John 1:

<sup>18</sup> No man hath seen God at any time, the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

- Only begotten: Only born, sole, one of a kind
- The rest of us are adopted into the family of God...
- Ephesians 1: <sup>5</sup> Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,
- Galatians 4: <sup>5</sup> To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. <sup>6</sup> And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.  
<sup>7</sup> Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

- Romans 8: <sup>14</sup> For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. <sup>15</sup> For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.
- Romans 8: <sup>23</sup> And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.
- God's adoption process then is through faith:
- Galatians 3: <sup>26</sup> For in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith.
- All men are NOT the sons of God as some religions claim.

## John 1:

<sup>14</sup> And the Word was made 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.

<sup>15</sup> John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me.

- John realized that Jesus, although being born 3 months after him, was before him
- How does the God of the universe become flesh?

## Philippians 2 (God the Word became flesh)

<sup>5</sup> Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: <sup>6</sup> Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: <sup>7</sup> **But** made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: <sup>8</sup> And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. <sup>9</sup> Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: <sup>10</sup> That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; <sup>11</sup> And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.



## John 1:

<sup>16</sup> And of his fullness have all we received, and grace for grace.

<sup>17</sup> For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

- Woman caught in adultery was thankful for these truths. The Law condemned her but Jesus forgave her.
- John 3: <sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. <sup>17</sup> For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

## John 1:

<sup>18</sup> No man hath seen God at any time, the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

- Exodus 33: <sup>18</sup> And he said, I beseech thee, shew me thy glory. <sup>19</sup> And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy. <sup>20</sup> And he said, Thou canst not see my face: for there shall no man see me, and live.
- John 14: <sup>8</sup> Philip saith unto him, Lord, show us the Father, and it sufficeth us. <sup>9</sup> Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Show us the Father?



## Born of God

- In the garden man had communion with God
- Man sinned and his spirit died
- Man needs to be born again
- John 3: <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.  
<sup>4</sup> Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup> That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

- Ezekiel 11: <sup>17</sup> Therefore say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; I will even gather you from the people, and assemble you out of the countries where ye have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel. <sup>18</sup> And they shall come thither, and they shall take away all the detestable things thereof and all the abominations thereof from thence. <sup>19</sup> And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh:
- 1 Corinthians 2: <sup>12</sup> Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. <sup>13</sup> Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. <sup>14</sup> But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.