

“Christ: The Eternal Word”

John 1:1-5

He was in the beginning with God”

-1- “the Word was in essence, God.”

- a direct, perfect expression of deity
- John the Apostle used the exact expression necessary to convey true deity.

-2- He was from all eternity with God

- assertion of trinity
- distinction of Persons, but a unity from all eternity

Intro: John’s purpose in writing this gospel Jn. 20:30-31

- He is very selective
- The significance of the sign miracles
- The “Gospel of Belief”

John’s unique prologue 1:1-18

1. Our Lord’s Unique Identity as “The Word”

“In the beginning was the Word”

(1) “Word” Gk: LOGOS

- conveyed not only the expression of an idea, but the idea itself
- describes God in the process of self-communication

(2) Christ is the very revelation of God

In order to *perfectly reveal* an *infinite* person you must yourself be possessed of an infinite nature!

(4) His Glory as Creator

v. 3

*“All things were made through Him,
and without Him nothing was made that was made.”*

-1- Everything that is created was created by Him

- Everything that has a beginning point, an origin, owes its existence to Him.
- Mark carefully the great Creator/creature distinction!

-2- The creative work of the Word: a revelation of God

- Rom. 1 “His eternal power and divine nature are clearly seen”
- The Divine signature in all creation renders all men without excuse. cf. Rom. 1

2. Our Lord’s Perfections as “The Word”

(1) His Eternal Pre-existence

“In the beginning was the Word”

- Prior to creation, prior to time, Christ – the Word – already existed
- He existed from all eternity

(2) His Perfect Familiarity with Deity

“and the Word was with God”

- Gk: *pros ton theon* very literally: the Word was “face to face with God”

- cf. Mk. 6:3 “Are not His sisters here *with* us?”
- i.e., “We know them! We are entirely familiar with them!”

- Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Word, existed from all eternity
in a relationship of *total familiarity* with God!

- Our Lord, the Word, was and is *a distinct Person* within the blessed holy undivided Trinity

(3) His Equality of Nature with Deity

“and the Word was God.”

(5) His Glory as the Source of All Life

vv. 4-5

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

-1- True Life – spiritual life

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

He is the *source* of true life and true life is *revealed* only in Him

-2- True Light – spiritual light, moral light:

Light such that one can know God and commune with God
He is the source of true light and true light is revealed only by Him.

-3- This true light shines into our sin-darkened world, infinitely superior to all darkness!

- cf. 2 Cor. 4:6

Further Application: