

The Eternal Word

John 1:1

Introduction

Eternal life is rooted in the knowledge God in Jesus Christ, and this knowledge must be revealed by God.

“the disciple whom Jesus loved” (20:2; 21:7; 21:20).

Love requires intimate personal knowledge.

The Fall of man resulted in the darkening of the mind.

Sadly, many Christians have even stopped thinking.

The mind of man is the battlefield in the war on souls.

If we’re going to know God and the truth about reality we must engage the mind He gave us and become *thinking* human beings.

John 17:3

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

“strongholds” ‘fortifications, fortresses.’

“arguments/imaginings” Gk *logismos*; ‘calculation, reasoning.’

“lofty opinion” Gk *hupsoma*; ‘high, elevated place.’

Constructivism vs Biblicism

Constructionism

Subjective, humanistic, relative, earthbound, and transient.

Biblicism

Objective, Theistic, Absolute, Transcendent, and Eternal.

Luke 11:52

The objective of Satan – to interfere with, obstruct, interrupt, disrupt, and corrupt the knowledge of God and so destroy the soul.

2 Corinthians 4:4

Colossians 2:2-4

v1 *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

One verse. Three massive declarations.

1. *In the beginning was the Word: The Word is Eternal*

“was” Gk verb *en*; imperfect tense; active voice

“Forever, O Lord, your word is firmly fixed in the heavens.” Psalm 119:89

Psalm 119:160

Matthew 24:35

1 Peter 1:25

2. *And the Word was with God: The Word is a Person in Relationship*

3. *And the Word was God: The Word is Deity*

The ancient historical legacy of the *Logos*

Heraclitus (Ephesus 500 BC)

Plato (428-348 BC) **The Academy;**

Aristotle (384-322 BC)

Zeno of Citium founded the **Stoic** school in 322 BC.

Philo (Hellenistic Jewish philosopher 25 BC – 50 AD)

Psalm 33:6

“word” **Heb. *dabar***

Isaiah 55:11

“my word” Gk *logos*; Heb. *dabar*

Jesus Christ the Eternal *Logos* of God mediates and communicates the Divine Mind to the human mind.

Isaiah 46:9b-10a

Hebrews 1:1-2a