

"The Deity of Jesus Christ"

John 1:1-5

Part 1

Introduction: Last week in our study we looked at the introduction of John's Gospel and there is something that I want to bring back into your mind. As we step into the letter tonight, we need to keep in mind the theme of John's writing.

John 20:30-31

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

³¹ *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 writes this Gospel to show his readers that Jesus Christ is God and that they/we need to believe on Him so that they/we would be saved. So, as we study this letter we must keep in mind that all John records will be for this purpose.

➤ **Jesus is Eternal**

Notice John 1:1

As we read this verse the first question that comes to mind is, "What beginning is John speaking of here?" The second question is, "Is he talking about the beginning of eternity?" To begin with we know that eternity has no beginning, nor does it have an end. So, what is John talking about here? He is referring to the creation of the world. He wants his readers to know that Jesus Christ, the Word, existed when creation happened.

Why is Jesus called "The Word?" Words are used to express our thoughts. It is impossible to know the thoughts of an individual until the thoughts are put into words, whether they be written or spoken. Jesus Christ has made known to the world who God is and His thoughts toward us. Notice the words of another writer.

"The Lord Jesus is the Word, the conveyor to men not only of the thoughts of God and the wisdom of God, but the conveyor of what God is. He is the means to reveal God to men."

But it goes beyond this because not only is He the Word to reveal God, but He is God.

Notice John 1:18

Jesus Christ came to the world to reveal to mankind the True nature of God.

John 14:7-9

⁷ *If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.*

⁸ *Philip saith unto him, Lord, show us the Father, and it sufficeth us.*

⁹ *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?*

Hebrews 1:1-2

God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,

² *Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;*

Application:

From this Truth we can clearly see that if we desire to know more about God and if we desire to be closer to Him then we **MUST** know more of the Words of Jesus Christ. We must prayerfully study the Word of God for it is there and not through experiences that we shall receive the deeper understanding.

2 Corinthians 4:6

⁶ *For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.*

The Psalmist tells of the blessings of knowing the Word of the Lord.

Psalm 119:67-72

⁶⁷ *Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word.*

⁶⁸ *Thou art good, and doest good; teach me thy statutes.*

⁶⁹ *The proud have forged a lie against me: but I will keep thy precepts with my whole heart.*

⁷⁰ *Their heart is as fat as grease; but I delight in thy law.*

⁷¹ *It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes.*

⁷² *The law of thy mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver.*

Notice John 1:1 again.

Here John takes the thought ever deeper. John now makes a distinction between God the Father and God the Son. He now reveals the Trinity. John tells us that the Word was with God. This speaks of the intimate fellowship that the Son and the Father enjoyed.

Notice the words of William MacDonald.

"Jesus had a separate and distinct personality. He was not just an idea, a thought, or some vague kind of example, but a real Person who lived with God."

Notice John 1:18

Here we see that He was in the bosom of the Father. The word "bosom" speaks of intimacy and communion.

John also tells us the Word was God. He was not A god as the Jehovah's Witness teach, but He WAS God. This is exactly what Isaiah had prophesied.

Isaiah 9:6

⁶ *For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.*

Isaiah 7:14

¹⁴ *Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.*

Matthew 1:23

²³ *Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.*

John confirmed the same thought in 1 John.

1 John 5:20

²⁰ *And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.*

Notice John 1:2

This verse looks to just repeat what John has already declared but there is more to this. Jesus has ALWAYS been with the Father. It is not that He was one day created and from that time forward He was in the bosom of the Father. He was in the beginning with God which means that He is eternal, and their communion has always been and will always be eternal. As we have come through these two verses, I want you to just realize how close the Father and the Son have been for all eternity. The relationship between the Father and the Son was special. Now notice what Jesus says in His prayer.

John 17:22-23

²² *And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:*

²³ *I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.*

The intimacy that the Father and the Son have is exactly what God desires for us to have with Him. He has provided all that is needed for us to get this close to Him. He sacrificed the very Son that He loves so deeply just so that He could have fellowship with us.

Isaiah 53:6

⁶ *All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.*

➤ **Jesus is Creator**

Notice John 1:3

Now John uses another Truth to prove the Deity of Jesus Christ. He tells his readers that ALL things were made by Him and without Him nothing was made that was made. Jesus Christ is Creator of the world and in this Truth, there is so much to consider.

Colossians 1:15-17

¹⁵ *Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:*

¹⁶ 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:

¹⁷ And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

In all of this there is something that we need to consider. We believe that Jesus Christ created the heavens and the earth and all that is in them in 6 literal 24-hour days.

Exodus 20:11

¹¹ For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day:

I point this out because of several different theories concerning creation.

1. Theistic Evolution

There are those who teach that God did not create everything but instead He created the basics and then stepped back and allowed the rest of what we see to evolve from the basics that He created. John completely destroys this theory with verse 3.

Notice John 1:3 again.

There is NOT ANYTHING that has been made that was not made by Jesus Christ. Nothing has evolved into existence. There are no fossils that show the evolution of one animal to another. Evolution is one of Satan's direct attacks against the Word of God.

Genesis 1:1

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

If Satan can get people to doubt the opening verse of the Bible, then it is much easier to get them to question the other parts such as, the virgin birth, the substitutionary death of Jesus, and the resurrection.

2. Day Age Theory

Another theory that is accepted by many even many in the church, is what is known as the Day Age Theory. This theory says that the days of creation are not 24-hour days, but they are thousands of years. Let me show you where they get this from.

2 Peter 3:7-9

⁷ But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

⁸ But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

⁹ The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

There are many problems with this theory. First of all, the Bible tells us each day had a morning and evening.

Genesis 1:5,8

⁵ And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

⁸ And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.

Second is the order of creation.

Genesis 1:11, 13, 16, 19

¹¹ And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.

¹³ And the evening and the morning were the third day.

¹⁶ And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also.

¹⁹ And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

Conclusion:

Jesus Christ is God in the flesh. He has existed for all eternity passed and He is the Creator heavens and the earth.