

## **The Prologue of John and the Person of Jesus 1:1-18**

The Word and Creation (1:1-5)

The Baptist's Testimony about the Word (1:6-8)

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The Word is the Incarnation of God to the World (1:14-18)

### **The Word and Creation (1:1-5)**

#### I. The Allusion to the LOGOS-WORD in Creation

##### A. The Focus

The Creator and Creation ( Col 1:15-20, 2:9-10 Heb. 1:1-4)

Light (Gen 1:3, 14-18)

Life ( Gen. 1:11-25 Specific life, Gen. 1:26 Special life-man)

##### B. The Function

###### 1. Implications of WORD- LOGOS as LIFE

\* Essential Sense

Identity of Life of the Father and Word

\* Mediational Sense

The Word gives His Life for others 6:36-40 ,11:25-27, 14:6

\* Relational Sense 5:29

Believers have relationship- no judgment 3:16 5:24 I John 5:12

Non Believers are delivered up to judgment John 3:16,18

###### 2. Implication of the WORD-LOGOS as LIGHT

\* Essential Sense

The Word is Light- Pure, Righteous (Rev 1:15-16, 21:23-25 22:5)

\* Mediational Sense

The Word guides man John 1:8-9, 8:12, 9:5 12:46

\* Ethical Sense

For the Believer 8:12,11:9-10 12:35-36 I Jo 1:6-7 2:8-10 Rev 1:20

For the Unbeliever Men love darkness 3:19

#### II. The Affirmation of the LOGOS -WORD'S Pre-Existence

The Word/ Logos is timeless in beginning and eternal with no end

#### III. The Association of the LOGOS -WORD with the Father

A. The Word was (and still is) IN the beginning

B. The Word was (and still is) WITH

C. The Word was (and still is) GOD

## **The Baptist's Testimony about the Word (1:6-8)**

The contrast between John and Jesus is seen in 1:15, 27 by John's own statement. The contrast is also seen concerning the difference between the sign and the substance or in this case between the witness (John the Baptist) to the Word and the Word Himself (Jesus the Christ).

## **The World's Reaction to the Word (1:9-13)**

### I. The True Light Came Into the World :9

A. This Does Not Teach that All Will Respond (Universalism)

B. This Does Teach that All Are Responsible (Natural Revelation)

Rom 1:18-20 Creation Rom 2:12-15 Conscience

C. This Does Declare The Logos is the Light to the World

**-The Logos** Enlightens God's Creation

In beginning of creation the world was dark- God provided physical light

In beginning of the incarnation salvation, God provided spiritual light.

John says Jesus says He is the light of the world. 8:12 9:5 11:9 12:35, 12:46

In the consummation God is light; literally & spiritually Rev 21:23, 22:5

**-The Logos** Entered the Cosmos

"coming into the world" John 6:14, 9:39, 11:27, 16:28

**" I have come as light into the world that every one who believes in Me may not remain in darkness." 12:46**

### II The World Did Not Receive the Word :10-11

A. The Word Entered the World (Not Pantheism or Pan-en-theism)

B. The Word Created the World see 1:3, Col. 1:15-16, Heb 1:2-3

C. The World Rejected the Word

### III. Those of the World who Receive/ Believe the Word Gain Eternal Life :12-13

A. Although most will reject some will receive

B. All who receive/ believe are Born of God

C. This is a Divine Initiative (6:44) not of man!

\* Note the tension of Sovereignty of God and the free will of man Acts 2:23, 4:27

\* Note condition for being born again/gaining eternal life, becoming children of God

- Children of God John 1:12, 11:52 I John 3:1,2, 5:2

- Born again John 3:3, 7 I Peter 1:3,23

- Eternal life 3:15,16,36, 1:14, 5:24,39, 6:27,40,47,54,68 10:28, 12:50 17:2,3, 20:31!!