

McCoy Memorial Baptist Church

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Title: "The Word Before the Beginning"

Title: John 1:1-3

INTRODUCTION:

1. The first 18 verses of John's Gospel constitute a division technically known as the **Prologue**. A special name is assigned to Jesus Christ. Four times (in vss. 1 & 14) He is called "the Word" (Greek: LOGOS).
2. A "word" is a means of communication. "**The Word** points to the truth that it is of the very nature of God to reveal Himself" (L. Morris). God reveals Himself to us and communicates with us through His Son, Jesus Christ, "the Word" (cp. 1:18 and Heb. 1:1-3).
3. The Apostle John's presentation of Jesus Christ is quite different from that of the other Gospels. John takes a theological rather than a biographical or historical approach.
4. In the first three verses of his Gospel, John focuses our attention on "the Word" _____ the beginning. Two relationships are featured in verses 1-3.

THE WORD and _____:

The Word *in relation to* God the Father (1:1-2)

1. His _____ Pre-Existence (1:1a)
"In the beginning the Word continually was." There never was a time when the Word was not; the Word existed before creation, which makes it clear that the Word was not created.
2. His _____ Personality (1:1b, 2)
This assertion identifies the Word as a separate entity from God the Father; in communion with & yet separate from God. The Bible teaches there is one God, but there are three distinct persons (personalities) in the Godhead. They are distinct persons, but co-equal and co-eternal.

Two Errors to Avoid:

- _____ (Three gods)
- _____ (Modalism)

3. His _____ Deity (1:1c)

"The Word was God" ... nothing higher could be said. All that may be said about God may fitly be said about the Word. John is affirming the full deity of the LOGOS: "the Word was God." John is not merely saying that there is something divine about Jesus.

THE WORD and _____:

The Word *in relation to* the Universe (1:3)

1. He _____ the Universe (1:1a)

"In the beginning the Word **continually was**." John affirms that the Word existed before creation, which makes it clear that the Word was not created. The Word is not to be included among created things.

2. He _____ the Universe (1:3)

The first part of ver. 3 states the fact positively: "through him". The last part restates the truth in a way that emphasizes there are no exceptions: "without him". Ev'ry created thing came into being thru the creative activity of the WORD. There never was a thing which did not depend on Him for its very existence.

- 1 Corinthians 8:6
- Colossians 1:15-17
- Hebrews 1:1-3

3. He _____ the Universe

Colossians 1:17 - "He is before all things, & in him all things hold together."
Hebrews 1:2 - "The Son . . . sustaining all things by his powerful word."

- A. There is **no situation** that's not "under control" (Eph. 1:22 NLT)
- B. God's at work **in it** doing "the good" He promised to do (Rom 8:28)

MAKING IT PERSONAL

1. Every day there is a _____ .
2. Every day there is _____ .
3. Every day there must be _____ .
4. Every day there must be _____ .