

THE DOCTRINE OF CHRIST: JOHN'S PROLOGUE PART 2

John 20:30–31 which says, "Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name."

John 1:1–18 says, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

⁹The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹²But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") ¹⁶For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known."

WHO IS THE WORD?

We spent all our time last week on the very first verse of the prologue. John 1:1. We saw there how:

1. The Word is _____.

2. The Word is _____.

3. The Word is _____.

I. The Word Is the _____

Verse 3 says, "All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made."

Hebrews 1:1–3 says, "Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. ³He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of

his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high"

Colossians 1:16 says, "For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him."

II. The Word Is _____

Verse 4 says, "In him was life, and the life was the light of men."

III. The Word Is Light that _____ the Darkness

Verse 5 says, "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."

And look at **verse 9**, "The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world."

2 Corinthians 4:6 says, "For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."

IV. The Word Was _____

Verse 10–11 says, "He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him."

Isaiah 53:3 says, "He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not."

V. The Word Gives Eternal _____

Verse 12–13 says, "But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God."

Verse 16 says, "For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace."

VI. The Word Became _____

Verse 14 says, "And the Word became flesh [Καὶ ὁ λόγος σὰρξ ἐγένετο] and dwelt among us"

VII. The Word Is the Only _____ of the Father

Verse 14b says, "and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father [ὡς μονογενοῦς παρὰ πατρός], full of grace and truth."

VIII. The Word Is the Source of _____ and _____

Verse 17 says, "For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ."

IX. The Word Is God Made _____

Verse 18 says, "No one has ever seen God; the only God [μονογενῆς θεός], who is at the Father's side, he has made him known."