

THE WORD

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"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made. In Him was Life; and the Life was the Light of men. And the Light shines in darkness; and the darkness did not comprehend it." (John 1:1-5)

"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us And we beheld His glory, the glory as of the Only Begotten of the Father, **full of Grace and Truth.** John bore witness of Him, and proclaimed, saying, 'This was He of whom I spoke, He who comes after me is preferred before me: for He existed before me.' And of His fulness we have all received, and grace for grace. For the law was given by Moses, **but Grace and Truth came by Jesus Christ.**" (John 1:14-17)

Word: from the Greek word **Logos** which means: a Word, in the sense of idea, or thoughts, or reasoning, or purpose, as expressed by words through statements, a speech, or utterances, whether vocally, or written. (*Rehma*). Logos is a common term, used 330 times in the NT, with regards to a person sharing a message, discourse, speech, or some other common forms of communication. (from **lego**: originally, "to lay down to sleep," used later of "laying an argument to rest," i.e. bringing a message to closure; properly, to say, to speak, speaking to a conclusion.)

(Word: from the Greek word **Rehma** which means: a word, a thing spoken, (a) a word or saying of any kind, as command, report, promise, (b) a thing, matter, business. (c) a spoken word, made "by the living voice." (used 70 times in the NT) (from **rhé** , "to speak"))

Jesus is The Word: He is the expressed Word of the Father Himself, through whom all things were created in the beginning. He the Word of God, who is God, and who became flesh, a human being, for the predetermined purpose of accomplishing redemption for mankind from the curse of sin! He is thus the Word of Life, even eternal Life!

Recommended reading prior to study: Gen. 1:1-31; John 1:1-18; John 14:1-31; John 17:1-26.

The Context within our opening verses:

- **"In the beginning was the Word."** The Word, Jesus, existed in the beginning before the Heavens and Earth were created!
- **"The Word was with God."** The Word, Jesus, existed with God the Father in the beginning before Creation!- **"The Word was God."** The Word, Jesus, existed as God before Creation! Thus, the Word, Jesus, who was with God, was also fixed together with God the Father as a single Divine-entity! It is as Jesus said, "Believe Me that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me." (John 14:11)
- **"The Same was in the beginning with God."** The Same Word, Jesus, existed with God the Father in the beginning before Creation! A summation of the first two facts of verse one!- **"All things were made through Him."** All Creation, all that the Heavens and the Earth contains, were created By God through His Word, Jesus!
- **"Without Him was not any thing made that was made."** Without God's Word, nothing was created that was created! Nothing in all of creation was created apart from Jesus! Again, all Creation was created by God the Father through His Word Jesus!
- **"In Him was Life."** In the Word, Jesus, who was with the Father in the beginning, was Life, as in eternal Life! Jesus said, "I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life, no one comes to the Father but through Me!" The Word of Life is Jesus!

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- **"This Life was the Light of men."** The Word of Life, Jesus, who is with the Father, and in the Father, the Same is the Light of men; as Jesus Himself said, "I am the light of the world: he who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life!" (John 8:12)
- **"And the Light shines in darkness."** Jesus, who is the Word, is the Great and True Light who came From the Father to earth as One shining in darkness, as it says, "The people who walked in darkness have seen a Great Light! And those who dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them has The Light shined." (Isaiah 9:2)
- **"And the darkness did not comprehend it."** The people who dwell in darkness, and in the shadow of death did not comprehend or understand that Jesus is the Word who is with God, and who is God, as it says, "He was the True Light, who enlightens everyone who comes into the world. But, He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. He came unto His own (people), and His own (people) did not received Him." (John 1:9-11)
- **"And the Word was made flesh."** The Word, Jesus, who who was with God, and who was God, became a flesh and bones living human being. Jesus is the incarnate Word of God! It is as it says, Jesus "Who, existed in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Himself the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men. And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name; so that at the Name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth." (Philippians 2:6-10)
- **"And (The Word) dwelt among us."** Jesus the Living Word who became a flesh and blood Human Man, who lived and grew, and dwelt among His people for over 33 years, and was in all points tempted like as we are, and yet without sin!
- **"And we beheld His glory, the glory as of the Only Begotten of the Father."** Perhaps a reference to the Transfiguration of Jesus: "And it came to pass about eight days after these sayings, that He (Jesus) took Peter, John, and James, and went up onto a mountain to pray. And as He prayed, the appearance of His countenance was altered, and His clothing was white, and flashing like lightning. And, behold, there talked with Him two men, who were Moses and Elijah; who appeared in glory, and spoke of His decease (departure?) which He would accomplish at Jerusalem. But Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep; and when they were awake, **they saw His glory**, and the two men that stood with Him. And it came to pass, as they departed from Him, Peter said unto Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here and let us make three tabernacles; one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah;' not realizing what he said. And while he was speaking, there came a cloud, and overshadowed them; and they feared as they entered into the cloud. And there came a voice out of the cloud, saying, 'This is My Beloved Son (or My Chosen One), listen to Him.'" (Luke 9:28-35)
- **"He is full of Grace and Truth."** It is as Jesus prayed, **"Your Word is Truth.** As You have sent Me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also might be sanctified through the Truth. Neither pray I for these alone, but for those who will also believe in Me through their word; so that they may all be one; as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You, that they also may be one in Us; that the world may believe that You have sent Me. And the glory which You gave Me I have given to them; so that they may be one, even as We are; I in them, and You in Me, that they might be perfected into one; and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and has loved them, as You have loved Me. Father, I will that they also, whom You have given Me, be with Me where I am; and that they may behold My glory, which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world! O righteous Father, the world has not known You; but I have known You, and these have known that You have sent Me." (John 17:16-26)

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- **"Grace and Truth came through Jesus Christ!"** That is, "Grace and Truth came **to us** through Jesus Christ!" Again, it is as it Says, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all spiritual blessings in the heavenly-realms in Christ; just as He has chosen us in Him (in Christ Jesus) before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him in love; having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His Grace, which was graciously bestowed on us in the Beloved (Jesus); in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace!" (Ephesians 1:3-7)

Additional Context:

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." The use of the phrase **"In the beginning..."** clearly places the context of verses 1-2 in a pre-creation context. An aspect of the pre-creation nature of God is revealed with the use of the title **The Word**. As mentioned above The Word, Jesus, existed as God before Creation! Thus, the Word, Jesus, who was with God, was also fixed together with the Father as a single self-existent, distinct, and independent Spiritual Divine-entity - **God**; as said, **"and The Word was God!"** In context, this is in fact a title of God that encompasses both the Father and the Son, and actively The Father through the Son Jesus!

This title, **The Word**, thus represents all that can be 'expressed' and communicated by the Father, in and through His Son Jesus! This title, **The Word**, encompasses the entire Mind and Will of God: all Knowledge, all understanding, all wisdom, all intelligence, all truth, all judgement, all prophecy. all righteousness, all holiness, all mercy, all Love; all that was conceived in the Mind of God before the foundation of the World; even the whole principle of divine thought and reason and creative concept, power, and order; all the Word of God that speaks through Christ Jesus, and of Christ Jesus: Christ as Savior; Christ as True Light, Christ as Cornerstone, Christ as Lord, Christ as the Beginning and Ending, Christ as the First and the Last, Christ as the Alpha and Omega, Christ as the Wisdom of God, and the Word of God and the Word of Life! Jesus is the Christ, the perfect "Logos" - all the Word that was God in the beginning; and the Word that became flesh, even Jesus our Lord! The Father spoke the Creation into existence through this Word, His Word, the Same Word who became Flesh in the human person of Jesus the Christ, the Son of the Living God!

"All things were made through Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made." God said, "Let there be ..." and there came into existence, through that spoken Word of God, that is through the pre-incarnate Christ Jesus, all that the Father said: "Let there be ..." And it all came into existence, the Heavens and the Earth, and all they contain!

God said, "Let there be light." -And through Christ Jesus Light came into existence!

God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness,..." And through Christ Jesus mankind came into existence!

All creation, the Heavens and the Earth, Light, Mankind; all were conceived within the Mind of God prior to speaking Creation into existence. Before the Foundation of the World, in the beginning, God foresaw the free will fall of those created in His image. But God in Love proceeded through Christ Jesus to speak into existence all creation. For they also conceived a plan of redemption for both mankind, and the creation! Consider these Scriptures:

"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us And we beheld His glory, the glory as of the Only Begotten of the Father, **full of Grace and Truth.**" (John 1:14) Thus 'Their' plan of redemption proceeded!

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"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, **even so must the Son of Man be lifted up; so that whoever believes in Him should not perish**, but have eternal life. **For God so loved the world**, that He gave His only Begotten Son, so that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world **through Him** might be saved. He who believes on Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, **because he has not believed in the Name of the Only Begotten Son of God**. And this is the condemnation, that Light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than Light, because their deeds were evil." (John 3:14-19)

"Forasmuch as you know that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; **But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot; Who was truly foreordained before the foundation of the world**, but was manifest in these last times for you, who through Him do believe in God, Who raised Him up from the dead, and gave Him Glory; **so that your faith and hope might be in God.**" (1 Peter 1:18-21)

"When the Son of man shall come in His glory, and all the holy angels with him, then He shall sit upon the Throne of His Glory. And before Him shall be gathered all nations; and He shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. And He shall set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. Then the King shall say unto those on His right hand, **'Come, you blessed by My Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from before the foundation of the world;** For I was hungry, and you gave Me food; I was thirsty, and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger, and you took Me in; Naked, and you clothed Me. I was sick, and you visited Me; and I was in prison, and you visited Me." (Matthew 25:31-36)

"After this, Jesus, knowing that **all things were now accomplished**, that the scripture might be fulfilled, said, 'I thirst.' And there was setting nearby a jar full of vinegar; and they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put it upon hyssop, and put it to His mouth. When Jesus, therefore, had received the vinegar, He said, **It is finished!** and He bowed His head, and gave up His spirit. (John 19:28-31).

Thus was the plan of redemption, that was conceived before creation came into existence, **accomplished!**

Jesus is ... the Word

Jesus is the Word who was with God in the beginning!

Jesus is the Word who was God!

Jesus is the Word who became Flesh and dwelt among us!

Jesus is the Word who is full of Grace and Truth!

Jesus is the Word of Life!

Jesus is the Word of God!

We have been chosen in Christ Jesus that we should be

holy and blameless before Father in love!

We have been predestined through Christ Jesus to be adopted children of the Father!

We have been Redeemed through the precious shed blood of Christ Jesus!

All was accomplished through the Word who was God!

All Glory is Yours Oh Father, and to the Word, even Jesus, through whom all things were Created!

All Praise, and Honor to You for our redemption in and through our precious Lord and savior - Jesus!

Truly, truly, Amen and Amen!