### He Was In the Beginning With God

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"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <u>He was</u> in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him; and without Him nothing was 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 does not comprehended it." (John 1:1-5)

**He:** from the Greek word <u>houtos</u> which means: <u>this, this-one</u>, the-same; in context usually translated <u>He</u>, (i.e. referring to <u>the Word</u> - **Jesus**).

**Was:** from the Greek word <u>en</u> a verb which means: <u>was;</u> (from *eimi* which means 'I exist' or <u>I am</u>; in the sense of existing, or being). (As in when Jesus said: "I am (eimí) the way, the truth and the life." John 14:6). In context: Jesus was preexistent with the Father before Creation.

**In:** from the Greek word <u>en</u> which means: <u>in</u>; properly: in, inside, within; figuratively: "in the realm or sphere of," as in the condition in which something operates from the inside (within). In context 'within' the realm of 'eternity past' before the Creation.

**Beginning:** from the Greek word <u>arche</u> a noun which means: <u>beginning</u>, or origin; properly: from the beginning , i.e. "the initial (starting) point"; or (figuratively) what comes first and therefore is chief (foremost), or has the priority because being ahead of the rest ("preeminent"). In context refers to the '<u>realm of time</u>' <u>before</u> any thing was created by God through the Word who is Jesus; <u>and not</u> necessarily only at the initial starting point of creation, as in Genesis 1:1 where it says, "in the beginning God created the Heavens and the Earth."

**With:** from the Greek word **pros** which means: with, to, towards; properly: motion towards, to, or "interface with" something; (literally, moving toward a goal or destination; denoting direction toward a thing, or position with, or state of looking toward a thing.

**God:** from the Greek word <u>then</u> (from *theo*) which means: <u>God</u>; the Supreme Being who created all things, and owns all things, and sustains all things.

#### Literal: "This (one) was in beginning with the God."

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Jesus was preexisting with the Father in the beginning, before the foundation of the world; before God made the Heavens and the earth; and before He said, 'Let <u>Us</u> make man in <u>Our</u> own image!' Jesus, Himself, declared His preexistence, and thus His <u>Devine One-ness</u> with the Father as follows:

"Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day: and he saw it, and was glad. Then the Jews said unto Him, 'You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?' Jesus said unto them, '**Truly, truly**, I say unto you, **before Abraham was**, <u>I Am</u>.' Then <u>they took up</u> <u>stones to cast at Him</u>: but Jesus hid Himself, and went out of the Temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed through." (John 8:56-59)

By saying, 'Before Abraham was (i.e.before Abrahan came-into existence), <u>I Am (*eimi*)</u>', Jesus was using terminology of equality that was also used by the Father for Himself:

"And Moses said unto God, 'Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me unto you;' and they shall say to me, 'What is His name?' What shall I say unto them?' And God said unto Moses, 'I Am Who I Am;' and He (God) said, 'Thus shall you say unto the children of Israel, '<u>I Am</u> has sent me (Moses) unto you." (Exodus 3:13-14)

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On another occasion Jesus plainly said, '<u>I and My Father are One</u>;' and thus also His preexistent unity with the Father. Consider the following:

"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me: And <u>I give unto them</u> <u>Eternal Life</u> (a Divine attribute); and they shall never perish, <u>neither shall any man pluck</u> them out of My hand. My Father, who gave them to Me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of My Father's hand. <u>I and My Father are One</u>. Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him. But Jesus answered them, 'Many good works have I showed you <u>from My Father</u>; for which of those works do you stone Me?' The Jews answered Him, saying, 'For a good work we do not stone You; but for blasphemy; and because You, being a man, <u>make Yourself God</u>.' Jesus answered them, 'Is it not written in your law, 'I said, you are gods? If He called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken; do you say of <u>Him (Jesus)</u>, whom the Father has sanctfied, and sent into the world, 'You blaspheme;' because I said, '<u>I am the Son of</u> <u>God?</u>' If I do not the works of My Father, do not believe Me. But if I do, though you do not believe Me, believe the works; so that you may know, and believe, that t<u>he Father is in</u> <u>Me, and I in Him</u>. Therefore, they sought again to take Him; but He escaped out of their hand," (John 10:27-39)

"You know where I am going, and the way you know.' But Thomas said unto Him, 'Lord, we do not know where You are going; and how can we know the way?' Jesus said unto him, "<u>I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life</u>; no man comes unto the Father, but through <u>Me</u>. If you had known Me, you should have known My Father also; and from now onward you know Him (the Father), and have seen Him.' But Philip said unto Him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.' Jesus said unto him, ' Philip, have I been with you for such a long time, and yet you have not known Me? <u>He who has seen Me has seen the Father</u>; and how do you say then, 'Show us the Father? Do you not believe <u>that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me</u>? The words that I speak unto you I speak not of Myself; but the Father who dwells in Me, He does the works. Believe Me, <u>that I Am in the Father, and the Father in Me</u>." (John 14:6-11)

Although, I am not inclined to speculate on what it was like within the great eternal, pre-creation, Realm of the Father and Son; there are a few clear observations that can be found in the scriptures:

- The pre-creation Realm of God was Glorious; and the Glory there within was an equally shared Glory, as Jesus Himself declared:

"And this is Eternal Life: that they (the disciples of Jesus) might know You the Only True God, and Jesus Christ, whom You have sent. I have glorified You on the earth; I have finished the work which You gave Me to do. And now, O Father, glorify Me <u>with Your</u> <u>own Self</u> with <u>the Glory</u> which I had <u>with You before the world existed</u>." (John 17:3-5)

 Within the pre-creation Realm of God Love existed between the Father and Son; and Jesus came so that we might share in that Love, and that we might behold the Glory of Christ Jesus in the Kingdom of God; as Jesus Himself declared:

"Father, I desire that they also (all who would believe in Jesus), whom You have given to Me, <u>be with Me where I Am</u>; <u>so that they may behold My Glory</u>, <u>which You have given</u> to Me; for <u>You Loved Me before the foundation of the world</u>. O Righteous Father, the world has not known You; but I have known You, and these have known that You have sent Me. And I have declared unto them Your Name, and will declare it; <u>so that</u> <u>the Love with which You have Loved Me may be in them</u>, and I in them." (John 17:24-26)

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Jesus Himself spoke of the **Their** amazing Love for mankind:

Jesus said, "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 <u>so Loved the world (mankind)</u>, that He gave His Only Begotten Son, so that whoever believers in Him (in Jesus) should not perish, but have Everlasting Life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world might be saved through Him." (John 3:14-17)

He who was in the beginning with God became a human being like us human beings; as it says:

"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us; and we beheld <u>His glory, the glory</u> as of the Only Begotten of the Father, full of Grace and Truth." (John 1:14)

The apostle Paul also spoke of the incarnation of the preexistent Christ Jesus:

"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus; who, **being (preexisting) in the form of God**, thought it not robbery <u>to be equal with God</u>; but made Himself <u>of no</u> <u>reputation</u>, and took upon Himself the form of <u>a servant</u>, and was made in the <u>likeness of</u> <u>men</u>; And being found in fashion as <u>a Man</u>, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Therefore, <u>God also has highly exalted Him</u>, and given Him <u>a Name which is above every Name</u>." (Philippians 2:5-11)

**<u>He</u>** who was in the beginning with God, and was sent by God to this world, because of Their great Love for mankind; **<u>this One</u>** came for the following purpose:

"That which was from the beginning, whom we have heard, whom we have seen with our eyes, whom we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of Life; for the Life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and show unto you that eternal life, which (who) was with the Father, and was manifested unto us; so that whom we have seen and heard we declare unto you, so that you may have fellowship with us also; and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ. And these things write we unto you, so that your joy may be full. This then is the message which we have heard from Him, and declare unto you, that <u>God is Light</u>, and in Him is no darkness at all. ... if we walk in the Light, as He is in the Light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:1-9)

### Jesus Was In the Beginning With God

Jesus existed eternally with the Father before the foundation of the world! Jesus preexisted then within the wonderful Glory of God! Jesus preexisted then within the eternal Realm of Love between the Father and Son!

It was the will and desire of the Father and Son that whoever would believe... ... would have Life Everlasting within the Realm – the Kingdom of God! There to behold the Glory of the Father and Glory of Jesus! And to abide forever in that Love with and in Them!

All Praise, and Glory be to the One who Is, and is to come again! Thank You Father, Son, and Holy Spirit for Your infinite Love which has been ... ... poured out upon all mankind; even <u>us</u> who believe in Jesus! Amen and Amen !!!