

# WORD OF LIFE

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The above passage is perhaps grammatically correct; while the same passage, below, is perhaps contextually correct:

"**Who** existed from the beginning, **who** we have heard, **who** we have seen with our eyes, **who** we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning that **Word of Life**. And **that Life** was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and proclaim unto you **that Life Eternal, who was with the Father**, and was manifested unto us. **Who** we have seen and heard we declare unto you, so that you also may have fellowship with us; **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." (1 John 1:1-4)

**Word:** from the Greek word *Logou* (*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. 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.)

**Life:** from the Greek word *Zoes* (*Zoe*) which means: life, both of physical (present) and of spiritual (particularly future) existence. The vital spirit, the breath of life; in context the new born again life in Christ Jesus. (Life Eternal - *Zoen Aionion*)

**The Word of Life:** He is the expressed Living 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; and thus providing life eternal for those who believe! He is thus the Word of Life; He is the Bread of Life; He is an Eternal Life - eternally existent and One with the Father! Only through Christ Jesus do we gain life eternal, fellowship with the Father, and with His Beloved Son Jesus!

**Recommended reading prior to study:** 1 John 1:1-10; John 1:1-18; Philippians 2:5-18.

**The Context of our opening verses:** concerning the use of this Title of Jesus:

- "**Who was from the beginning**," Speaking of Jesus who 'existed' in the beginning before creation. This is said in the same context as John 1:1, which says, "In the beginning was **the Word** and **the Word** was with God, and **the Word** was God!"
- "**who we have heard**," John, the apostle, speaking for himself, and his fellow apostles and disciples, who heard Jesus Himself speak and proclaim wonderful things concerning the Kingdom of God, and much more.
- "**who we have seen with our eyes**," John, the apostle, speaking for himself, and his fellow disciples, that they were eye witnesses of the many wonderful things that occurred during the public ministry of Jesus.

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- **"who we have looked upon, and our hands have handled,"** This speaks of the close and intimate fellowship that John and certain other disciples had with Jesus: traveling together, lodging together, eating together, and experiencing many of the events and encounters with Jesus that are written about in the four Gospel accounts..
- **"concerning that Word of Life."** This title of this current devotional, is used by John in a very similar context as in John 1:4, which says, "In Him (Jesus, the Word who was God) was Life; and the Life was the Light of men." This title, of course, concerns that Person who is the Word of Life: Jesus!
- **"And that Life was manifested,"** The Life, who was Christ Jesus, was manifested: became a human being; lived in the midst of many people, lived especially in the presence of His closest disciples; lived in obedience to The Father, performing many signs and wonders; teaching and speaking with all authority with wisdom and power; as from the Father; as it says, "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."
- **"and we have seen, and bear witness, and proclaim unto you"** John, and those persons who stand with him as eye witnesses to the events of the life of Christ Jesus, are now bearing truthful witness concerning the life and times of that Eternal Life who is Christ Jesus!
- **"that Eternal Life,"** Another profound title of Jesus that simply manifests Jesus as being an eternally existent Living Being; and in context with the Gospel written by John, Jesus is the Word who was with God the Father, and is God!.
- **"who was with the Father,"** Jesus is the Word of Life who existed in the beginning, and who existed with God, and who existed as God! (see John 1:1)
- **"and was manifested unto us."** Again, basically what John 1:14 says, "And the Word (of Life) 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." and again speaking of 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." (see Philippians 2:6-10)
- **"Who we have seen and heard we declare unto you,"** John repeats this statement; and then declares his reason for proclaiming to us, via his written letter to us, the Good News of the Word of Life, even Jesus: fellowship with believers in Christ Jesus, and with the Father and Son:
- **"so that you also may have fellowship with us;"** Jesus said that He was the Way, the Truth, and the Life; and that no man comes to the Father, except through Jesus. Jesus is the only way that true believers can have fellowship together with one another, and with the Father! .
- **"and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ."** When the **Word of Life, Jesus,** abides in us, and we abide in Him, then truly we are in fellowship with the Father in Heaven! It is as Jesus said, "Believe Me that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me;" And again, "He who has seen Me has seen the Father." (see John 14:1-11)
- **"And these things we write unto you, so that your joy may be full."** that our joy may be full! As it says, "Looking unto Jesus the Author and Finisher of Our Faith; who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the Right Hand of the Throne of God." (Hebrews 12:2)

Jesus is the **Word of Life!** We must Hold fast to Jesus, the Word of Life, so that God through Christ Jesus in you, may accomplish His will and good pleasure in you. We must abide in Christ, and He in us, in order to have Life eternal! Consider these verses:

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"Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. **For it is God who works in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure.** Do all things without murmurings and disputings; so that you may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom you shine as lights in the world; **holding-fast the Word of Life**; so that I may rejoice in the Day of Christ, so that I have not run in vain, nor labored in vain." (Philippians 2:12-16; read in context verses 5-16)

"And this is the record, that God has given to us life eternal , **and this Life is in His Son. He who has the Son has Life**; and he who does not have the Son of God does not have Life. These things have I written unto you who believe on the Name of the Son of God; so that you may know that **you have eternal life**, and that you may believe on the Name of the Son of God." (1John 5:11-13)

The Word of Life, who Has the Life of the Father in Himself, gave up His Life **for us**, so that we might have Life in Him and in the Father! Thus has the Father demonstrated His love for us, in that His Beloved Son Christ Jesus died **for us**! Consider these precious verses:

"Truly, truly, I say unto you, **he who hears My word, and believes on Him (the Father) who sent Me, has life eternal**, and shall not come into condemnation; **but has passed from death unto Life.** Truly, truly, I say unto you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and **those who hear shall live. For as the Father has Life in Himself; so has He given to the Son to have Life in Himself;...**" (John 5:24-27)

"But God demonstrates **His love toward us**, in that, while we were yet sinners, **Christ died for us**. Much more then, **being now justified by His Blood, (His Life) we shall be saved from wrath through Him.** For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, being reconciled, **we shall be saved by His Life.** And not only this, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the reconciliation." (Romans 5:8-11)

"But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us. We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; always bearing about in the body **the dying of the Lord Jesus, so that the Life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.** For we who live are always being delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, **so that the Life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.** So then death works in us, but life in you. (2 Corinthians 4:7-12)

"And these things write we unto you, **that your joy may be full.**" (1 John 1:3-4) And that our fellowship may be with the Father and with His Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

**Jesus is ... The Word of Life  
Whose Life existed from the beginning!  
Who abides in us, and we in Him forever!  
Who we have heard and seen with our hearts!  
Whose presence in our lives is felt and appreciated!  
Whose sacrifice of Love on the Cross has made it all possible!  
And whose Life and fellowship we shall enjoy eternally with the Father!**

**Thank You Father, thank You Jesus for your free gift of Life Eternal!  
Thank You the Eternal Joy the we shall share with You forever!  
Thank You for Your wonderful Eternal Love!**

**Always and always, Amen and Amen!**