

Series: That You Might Believe (John)

Jesus Is Life (John 1:4) – Part 1

In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

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Jesus Is God

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.

1. The Existence of the Word – WHEN He Was

“In the beginning was the Word” (Ἐν ἀρχῇ ἦν ὁ λόγος) - 7 “Beginnings”

- (1) *Eternity Past (Prior to Creation) – Prov 8:23*
- (2) *The Beginning of the World (Creation) – Gen 1:1*
- (3) *The Beginning of Jesus’ Earthly Ministry – John 15:27*
- (4) *The Beginning of the Church (Pentecost) – Acts 11:15*
- (5) *The Beginning of Paul’s Ministry – Phil 4:15*
- (6) *Title or Characteristic of Jesus Christ (“originator, source”) – Col 1:18*
- (7) *The Point of Conversion or Discipleship of Believers – 1 John 3:11*

2. The Presence of the Word – WHERE He Was

“and the Word was with God” (καὶ ὁ λόγος ἦν πρὸς τὸν θεόν)

3. The Essence of the Word – WHAT He Was

“and the Word was God” (καὶ θεὸς ἦν ὁ λόγος)

4. The Face of the Word – WHO He Was

- (1) *Masculine noun: “the word” (little help)*
- (2) *Masculine pronouns: “he” (not “it”) – (good help)*
- (3) *Other Passages (great help) – John 1:14*

Jesus Is the Creator of Everything

All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

1. The Fact of Jesus’ “Creatorship”

- All things through Him became (πάντα δι’ αὐτοῦ ἐγένετο)

2. The Extent of Jesus’ “Creatorship” (cp Col 1:15-17)

- Without him became not one thing which has become.
- καὶ χωρὶς αὐτοῦ ἐγένετο οὐδὲ ἓν. ὃ γέγονεν
 - Where – Any place
 - What – Any thing – “no job too small”
 - Who – Any body – answerable to Him & controlled by Him

3. The Purpose of His “Creatorship”

- **Worship** (Rev 4:11; Rom 1:25)
- **Service** (Eph 2:10)

4. The Results of His “Creatorship”

- **Accountability** – Heb 4:13
- **Authority** – Rom 8:39

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Jesus Is Life (Introduction)

1. Two Words for “Life”

- βίος – bios – process of life – experience
- ζωή – zōē – presence of life – existence

2. Two Realms of “Life”

- Creation – physical life (everyone)
- New Creation – spiritual life (only the saved)

3. The Opposite of “Life”

- Opposite of ζωή (zōē) is death
- **Gen 2:17** but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”
- **John 5:24** “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.”
- **Eph 2:5** even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),

4. The Full Meaning of “Life”

- Sin results in DEATH
- Life requires HOLINESS
- “It is God’s word alone which proclaims that, wherever there is death, it is there because sin was there first; wherever there is no death, that is, life, this is there, because sin has never been there, or having once been, is now cast out and expelled. In revealed religion, which thus makes death to have come into the world through sin, and only through sin, life is the correlative of holiness. Whatever truly lives, does so because sin has never found place in it, or, having found place for a time, has since been overcome and expelled.” Trench, R. C. (2003). *Synonyms of the New Testament*. (9th ed., improved.) (91–95, βίος, ζωή). Bellingham, WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc.

5. The Provision of “Life”

- **John 3:16** For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him **should not perish** but have everlasting **life**.
- **John 10:10** The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. **I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.**