

In the Beginning Was the Word (John 1:1-2)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.

Ἐν ἀρχῇ ἦν ὁ λόγος, καὶ ὁ λόγος ἦν πρὸς τὸν θεόν, καὶ θεὸς ἦν ὁ λόγος. οὗτος ἦν ἐν ἀρχῇ πρὸς τὸν θεόν.

1. The Existence of the Word – WHEN He Was

“In the beginning was the Word”

Ἐν ἀρχῇ ἦν ὁ λόγος

REVIEW: 7 “Beginnings” Referred to in the Bible:

(1) Eternity Past (Prior to Creation)

- Prov 8:22-23 The LORD possessed me [wisdom] at the beginning of His way, Before His works of old. ²³I have been established from everlasting, From the beginning, before there was ever an earth.
- John 1:1-2; 2 Thes 2:13-14; 1 John 2:13a

(2) The Beginning of the World (Creation)

- Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
- Is 64:4; Matt 19:4; Mark 10:6; Matt 19:8; Matt 24:21; Mark 13:19; John 8:44; 1 John 3:8; Heb 1:10; 2 Pet 3:4; Isa 46:9-10; Eph 3:9

(3) The Beginning of Jesus’ Earthly Ministry

- John 15:27 And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning.
- Luke 1:2; John 2:11; John 6:64; John 8:25; John 16:4; 1 John 1:1

(4) The Beginning of the Church (Pentecost)

- Acts 11:15 – And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them, as upon us at the beginning.

(5) The Beginning of Paul’s Ministry

- Phil 4:15 Now you Philippians know also that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church shared with me concerning giving and receiving but you only.

(6) Title or Characteristic of Jesus Christ (“originator, source”)

- Col 1:18 And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.
- Heb 7:3; Rev 1:8; 3:14; 21:6,13

(7) The Point of Conversion or Discipleship of Believers (or The Constancy of Truth Over Time)

- 1 John 3:11 – For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another, (2:7; 2:24; 2 John 1:5,6)

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 And the Word became 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.
Καὶ ὁ λόγος σὰρξ ἐγένετο καὶ ἐσκήνωσεν ἐν ἡμῖν, καὶ ἐθεασάμεθα τὴν δόξαν αὐτοῦ, δόξαν ὡς μονογενοῦς παρὰ πατρός, πλήρης χάριτος καὶ ἀληθείας.
- 1 John 1:1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life--
Ὅ ἦν ἀπ’ ἀρχῆς, ὃ ἀκηκόαμεν, ὃ ἐωράκαμεν τοῖς ὀφθαλμοῖς ἡμῶν, ὃ ἐθεασάμεθα καὶ αἱ χεῖρες ἡμῶν ἐψηλάφησαν περὶ τοῦ λόγου τῆς ζωῆς--
- Rev 19:13 He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. (11-16; cp. 1:5; 10-20)
καὶ περιβεβλημένος ἱμάτιον βεβαμμένον αἵματι, καὶ κέκληται τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ ὁ λόγος τοῦ θεοῦ.