

John 1:1-18

I. The Eternal Word (vss 1-5)

a. The Word

i. “Word” is translated from the Greek *Logos*. According to the New Spirit Filled Life Bible, *Logos (log-oss)* can be translated as follows:

1. A transmission of thought
2. Communication
3. A word of explanation
4. An utterance
5. Discourse
6. Divine revelation
7. Talk
8. Statement
9. Instruction
10. An oracle
11. Divine promise
12. Divine doctrine
13. Divine declaration

ii. “Jesus is the living *logos* (John 1:1), the Bible is the written *logos* (Heb 4:12), and the Holy Spirit utters the spoken *logos* (I Cor 2:13).

b. Observation: List four characteristics or functions of the Word in this section.

c. Light is a recurrent theme and is significant in the Gospel of John. How does “Light” in the context of these verses relate to Jesus?

- d. What do you think it means that “the darkness did not comprehend” the light? Why is that significant for us?

II. John The Baptist’s Witness to the True Light (vss 6-13)

- a. According to this section, who was John the Baptist?
- b. What is the purpose of the Light?
- c. Jesus came to His own and they did not receive Him. What is the promise given to all who do receive Him? What does it mean to receive Jesus?

III. The Word Becomes Flesh (vss 14-18)

- a. And “the Word became flesh” speaks of the incarnation of Jesus? What is significant about His incarnation?
- b. In becoming flesh, the Word dwelt among us. Where else in Scripture do we see God dwelling among humans? What is similar about those instances with this passage?
- c. Twice John reference the grace of God coming from the “fullness” of God. (vss 14, 16). What do these passages teach us about the grace of God?
- d. Vs 18: “No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son of God, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.” What does it really mean or Jesus to declare God?

Sources

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