

John 1:1-14

1. In the BEGINNING was the WORD, and the Word was with God, and THE WORD WAS GOD.

- **John 17:5** "And now, O Father, glorify Me together _____ Yourself, with the _____ which I [always] had _____ You _____ the world was."
- **I John 1:1-3** "That which was from the _____, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the _____ of life - the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was _____ the _____ and was manifested to us - that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ."

Definition: "The WORD" - This is another name or title for Jesus. The Greek word is "Logos" - The dictionary definition of Logos is "the divine wisdom manifest in the **creation, government and redemption of the world.**" In Greek philosophy, it meant the controlling principle of the universe, and was a term that was VERY FAMILIAR at the time John was writing his Gospel. JESUS IS ALL OF THIS!! He is the One who controls the universe, is all of the wisdom and revealed knowledge of God WRAPPED UP IN ONE PERSON!!

- **I John 5:20** "And we know that the _____ of _____ has come, and has given us an _____, that we may _____ HIM who is true, and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the _____ and ETERNAL LIFE."
- **Revelation 19:13** "He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His _____ is called The _____ of God."

2-3. He was in the beginning with God. All things were MADE THROUGH Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

- **Hebrews 1:1-3** "God, who at various times and in different ways spoke in times past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us _____ His _____, whom He has appointed heir of all things, _____ whom also He made the _____; who being the brightness of His glory and the express _____ of His person, and _____ all things by the _____ of His _____, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high."
- **Genesis 1:1-2, 26-27** "In the beginning _____ created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the _____ of _____ was hovering over the face of the waters." "Then God said, 'Let _____ make man in _____ image, according to _____ likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth. So God created man in _____ own _____; in the _____ of _____ created him; male and female _____ created them."

Definition: "ALL THINGS were MADE THROUGH HIM" - The Bible tells us over and over again that we WORSHIP ONE GOD, but that He exists in THREE PERSONS: the FATHER, the SON, and the HOLY SPIRIT. Starting in the very first chapter of the

Bible, God refers to Himself as "Us" and "Our," then switches back to "His" and "He." Compare Isaiah 48:12-16 with Rev. 1:8,11,17-18. The same One who "laid the foundation of the earth and stretched out the heavens" is also the One who "was DEAD and now I am ALIVE FOREVERMORE!!" Jesus Christ is the "Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End."

- **Read Isaiah 48:12-16** (Verses 12-13) "Listen to Me, O Jacob, and Israel, My called: I am He, I am the _____, I am also the _____. Indeed My _____ has laid the _____ of the earth, and My right hand has stretched out the _____." (Verse 16) "Come near to Me, hear this: I have not spoken in secret from the _____; from the time that it was, I was there. And now the Lord _____ and His _____ have sent _____." (Here are ALL THREE PERSONS of the GODHEAD mentioned together in the Old Testament!! Jesus is speaking, and He says that God and the Holy Spirit have SENT HIM).
- **Revelation 1:8,11,17b-18** "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End,' says the Lord, 'Who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.' "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the _____ and the _____." (Verses 17b-18) "Do NOT be AFRAID; I am the _____ and the _____. I am He who lives, and was _____, and behold, I am ALIVE FOREVERMORE. Amen. And I have the Keys of Hades and of Death."

4. In Him was LIFE, and the life was the LIGHT of men.

- **I John 5:11** "And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal _____, and this _____ is in His _____."
- **Ephesians 1:17-19** "That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and _____ in the _____ of _____; the eyes of your understanding being _____; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, and what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints; And what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power"

Definition: "the LIGHT of men" - We must have LIGHT, **REVELATION**, enlightening from God to KNOW HIM and understand His word. Mankind CANNOT KNOW GOD apart from God's ENLIGHTENING of our minds and hearts.

5. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

- **John 8:12** "Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, 'I am the _____ of the world. He who follows Me shall _____ walk in _____, but have the _____ of LIFE.'"
- **Colossians 1:12-14** "Giving thanks unto the Father, who has QUALIFIED US to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in _____; he has delivered us from the power of _____, and has translated us into the kingdom of the Son of His love; in whom we have redemption through His blood, even the FORGIVENESS of sins."

Definition: "the DARKNESS did not COMPREHEND it" - To COMPREHEND means to grasp the nature or significance or meaning of something. The world is in darkness, and they do not understand who Jesus is or why He came. **Proverbs 4:19**"The way of the wicked is like darkness; they do not know what makes them stumble."

6. There was a man SENT from God, whose name was JOHN.

- **Read Luke 1:5-25, 39-44, 57-80 - Miraculous Birth of John.** John was a cousin of Jesus, and approximately six months older (see Luke 1:36-43).
- **Luke 1:15** "For he will be _____ in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink. He will also be _____ with the _____ even from his mother's womb."
- **Read Matthew 3:1-17 - Ministry of "John the Baptizer"**

7-8. This man came for a witness, to bear WITNESS of the Light, that all through Him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.

- **Matthew 5:16** "Let your _____ so shine before _____, that they may _____ your good works (YOUR WITNESS) and _____ your _____ in heaven."
- **Also Read Isaiah 9:2 & Isaiah 49:6**

9-10. That was the **TRUE LIGHT** which **gives light to every man** who comes into the world. He was in the world, and **the WORLD was MADE through Him**, and the world **did not KNOW Him**.

- **Read Acts 26:13-18** (Verse 18) "To _____ their _____, and to turn them from _____ to _____, and from the power of _____ to God, that they may receive _____ of sins, and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by _____ in Me (Jesus)."
- **I John 1:5-7** "This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is _____ and in Him is no _____ at all. If we say that we have _____ with Him, and walk in _____, we _____ and do not practice the _____. But if we _____ in the _____ as He is in the _____, we have fellowship with one another, and the _____ of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from _____."
- **Read Romans 1:18-23** (Verses 20-21) "For since the _____ of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being _____ by the things that are _____, even His eternal power and Godhead (divine nature), so that they are without _____, because, although they _____ [about] God, they did not _____ Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile (empty, stupid) in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were _____."

Definition: "the WORLD did not KNOW HIM" - God has always given to EVERY PERSON IN THE WORLD enough information to know Him IF THEY WANT TO. The truth is, **most people DO NOT DESIRE TO KNOW GOD**, but would rather have **god or religion of their own making**. When whole people groups and cultures REJECT GOD by turning to IDOLS and FALSE RELIGION, they plunge themselves further and further into DARKNESS, without **Jesus Christ, the TRUE LIGHT**.

11. He came to His own, and **His own did not receive Him**.

- **Luke 19:14** "But his citizens _____ him, and sent a delegation after him, saying, 'We will _____ have this man to reign (rule) over us.'"

Definition: "His own did not receive Him" - "His own" means His own people, the Jews, the nation of Israel. Read John 19:12-16; Luke 23:13-25; Matthew 26:59-68 & Matt. 27:6-26

12. But as many as **RECEIVED Him**, to them He gave the right to become **children of God**, even to those who believe in His name.

- **Galatians 3:26** "For you are all sons (CHILDREN) of God through _____ in _____."
- **I John 5:13** "These things I have written to you who _____ in the _____ of the Son of God; that you may KNOW that you HAVE ETERNAL LIFE, and that you may continue to _____ in the _____ of the Son of God."

Definition: "the RIGHT to become CHILDREN of God" - Is everyone in the world AUTOMATICALLY A CHILD OF GOD? Does the Bible teach that God is the Father of everyone? No! We are GIVEN the AUTHORITY to become CHILDREN OF GOD **only when we BELIEVE in His Son Jesus Christ.**

- **Read John 8:37-44** (Verse 44) "You are of YOUR _____, the _____, and the desires of your _____ you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a _____, and the father of it."

13. Who were BORN not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but **of God.**

- **I Peter 1:23** "Having been _____, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible."

Definition: "BORN OF GOD" - This verse says we are born, NOT of certain things, but we ARE BORN OF GOD. The New Birth (being Born Again) (1.) Does NOT happen "by blood", which means by inheritance from human ancestors; (2.) Does NOT happen "by the will of the flesh", which means by human sexual desire; and (3.) Does NOT happen "by the will of man", which means by human will power or determination. It is a SUPERNATURAL ACT OF GOD that happens to us when we BELIEVE in Jesus and RECEIVE HIM as Savior.

14. And the WORD BECAME FLESH and DWELT (LIVED) among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

- **I Timothy 3:16** "And without controversy great is the _____ of godliness: _____ was manifested (revealed) in the _____, justified in the Spirit, seen by angels, preached among the Gentiles, _____ on in the world, received up in _____."
- **Read Matthew 1:18-23 & Luke 1:30-35 - The VIRGIN BIRTH of Jesus.** - It was NECESSARY for Jesus to be born without a human father, because it is through Adam, or our human fathers, that the SIN NATURE is passed down. Luke 1:35 says the Holy Spirit came upon Mary and she conceived by the power of God. The seed that was placed in her was GOD HIMSELF, the Second Person of the Godhead, God the Son, "THE WORD." **Genesis 3:15** prophesied that the "Seed of the woman" would crush Satan in the future. **Micah 5:2** prophesied that Bethlehem would be the birthplace of the Messiah, the future ruler of Israel, and that this One has existed from ALL ETERNITY or "from EVERLASTING."
- **Micah 5:2** "But you, Bethlehem [in] Ephrathah, though you are little among the thousands of Judah, yet _____ of you shall come forth to Me the One to be _____ in Israel, whose _____ forth have been from of old, from _____."