

## THE PROLOGUE TO JOHN'S GOSPEL AND THE ETERNAL WORD

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The prologue to John's Gospel is priceless and includes looking back and is in three parts.

1. The Divine revelation of the Word ( verses 1-5) wherein is set forth His relationship to God (verse 1 -2); the Creation (verse 3) and to man ( verses 4-5). How exhaustless is this unfolding. God has spoken of one Word. He is the Eternal Word who was in the beginning with God. The text does not say In the beginning was the Son and there is no reference here to the Father. Of course , all that make up the Trinity are Divine and Eternal. There can be no doubt about this. The Word was destined to be the Redeemer, the light and life of all men. The darkness could not and will not overcome the Light.

In Hebrews 1.5, God says, I will be a Father unto Him and He will be my Son. Not I am and always have been His Father and He is and always has been My Son .

We recall that angels were called the sons of God ( Job 1.5, 2.1 and 38.7 ). The passage in Hebrews refers to the prophecy in Psalm 2. 7 where the Lord Jesus is said to become the begotten Son of God in a future day and that is quite clear. The Eternal Word became flesh and dwelt among us. He became a person , a man begotten of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary. God also speaks of the Lord in the words, This day have I begotten Thee.

But note well He is the ETERNAL Word.

- 2 There is the historical manifestation of the Word ( verses 6 -13 ). The Word who was from all eternity was to be manifested in time. The Light was revealed (verses 6-9), rejected ( verses 10-11) , and received (verses 12-13). Everyone must do something with the Light. He, as the Eternal Word, made the world, has come into it but was not known by it ( verse 9). He came to His own world and to His own people, the Jews, who received Him not ( verse 10).

Today Christ is at your door ; have you let Him in ? The Life has come , but the world is still dead ; the Light has come but the world is still dark. Are you ? You may reject the Light but you cannot quench it.

3. The human appreciation of the Word ( verse 14-18) . Here we have the witness of the apostles ( verse 14); of the Baptist ( verse 15) and of the Church ( verse 16-8 ). Plunge into these oceans of truth . Truth, yes , and grace ( verse 14-17). Do you prefer grace to truth? Will you today receive of His fulness?

It was in verse 34 of John 1 that the Word is first called the Son of God and this was at His baptism. In verse 29, John the Baptist hails Him as the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world.

There will be people who will question what is written here but it is entirely Scriptural and cannot be disputed.