

Who Is The Word?

John 1:1-3

Introduction

- ▣ John is laying out for us the major themes that he is going to develop in the rest of his Gospel.
- ▣ "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." **John 1:14**
- ▣ Jesus Christ is fully God.
- ▣ Jesus Christ is also fully man.

Westminster Confession

“In the unity of the Godhead there be three persons, of one substance, power, and eternity: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost: the Father is of none, neither begotten, nor proceeding; the Son is eternally begotten of the Father; the Holy Ghost eternally proceeding from the Father and the Son.”

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made."

John 1:1-3, NKJV

Co-Eternality of the Word

- ▣ "In the beginning was the Word."
- ▣ "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."

Genesis 1:1, NKJV

- ▣ The Word existed before time existed, before any created thing existed.
- ▣ So the Word is co-eternal with the other two Persons of the Trinity.

Co-Equality of the Word

- ▣ “and the Word was with God”
- ▣ The Greek word for “with”, “pros”, is a close personal face to face relationship.
- ▣ Even though Christ is co-equal with the Father, He chooses to submit the Father’s will.
- ▣ This verse also helps us not to fall into Modalism or Oneness.

Deity and Unity of the Word with the Father

- ▣ “and the Word was God”
- ▣ The Jehovah Witnesses version: “and the Word was a God.”
- ▣ The Greek the word for God, “theos”, is not preceded by the Greek definite article “ho”.
- ▣ Just because the definite article is not there does not necessarily mean that it is indefinite.
- ▣ The Bible is exceedingly clear that there is only one God.

Co-Creator

- ▣ “All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.” **John 1:2**
- ▣ What have we done when we “make” something?
- ▣ When we say that God “made” all things, what do we mean?
- ▣ Who is the only one that can speak things into existence?
- ▣ How did God create everything?

Conclusion

- ▣ John 1:1-2 ties directly back to Genesis 1:1.
 - It shows that the Word is God as well as co-creator.
- ▣ The Prologue establishes Christ's relationship in the Trinity.
 - Co-eternal
 - ▣ In the beginning WAS the Word.

Conclusion (con't)

- ▣ Co-equal
 - The Word was with God.
 - Face to face relationship.
- ▣ Deity
 - And the Word was God.
- ▣ Co-Creator
 - All things made through God's Word.

