

1) 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 was not any thing made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

6) There was a man sent from God, whose name was John [the Baptist]. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through Him. He was *not* the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

9) The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, yet the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and His own people did not receive Him. But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

14) And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

15) (John bore witness about Him, and cried out, “This is He of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, because He was before me.’”) For from His fullness, we have all received grace upon grace. For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only God --- who is at the Father’s side --- He has made Him known.

Think on these things:

- 1) Skim Genesis 1-2, with particular attention to Genesis 1:26. Now look at John 1:1-3. John mentions the “Word” being present at the very beginning, before creation of our world, and actually the one who made all things (v.2). Let’s learn more about the “Word”:

Who created mankind in Genesis 1:26? _____

The “Word” is called what in John 1:1? _____

What does mankind receive from the “Word” (John 1:4)? _____

What did the “Word” do (John 1:14a)? _____

What title was given to the “Word” now seen (John 1:14b)? _____

The “Word” was full of ‘grace and truth.’ What human name was given to the “Word” (v.17), and what does He do for mankind (v.18)?

- 2) How do people use light? How would this concept apply to the “Word” being the light of our lives (vs. 4-5, 9)?

- 3) John the Baptist was a prominent person and preacher during the ministry years of Jesus. The Jewish people revered him as a prophet, but the religious and political leaders opposed him. What does John 1:7-8 say was John the Baptist’s ‘purpose’ in life? Did he claim that he was the one being sent into the world for mankind?

- 4) There is a belief in our media and culture that “everybody is a child of God.” Reviewing vs.9-13, what do you find in these verses to support or refute this idea? Is “everybody is a child of God” biblical?

- 5) From vs.10-11, broadly speaking, how was Jesus received by both the world and His people (the Jews)?

- 6) What very important church doctrine is introduced to us in v. 14? Why is this important? See Hebrews 4:14-16.

- 7) From v.17, what were Moses and Jesus credited with bringing into our world?

Moses - _____ Jesus - _____

- 8) How do these passages support today’s study?

Colossians 1:15-20 - _____

Hebrews 1:1-4 - _____
