

John Chapter 1 **Theological Prologue (John 1:1-18)**

I. Introduction of the LOGOS (Eternal Son of God, John 1:1-5)

- A. The Logos is ETERNAL (v.1a) Transcendent, External to creation.
- B. The Logos is DISTINCT from the Father (v.1b)
- C. The Logos is GOD (v.1c)
- D. One more time for emphasis. "...same was in the beginning with God (Father) (2)
- E. The Logos is a PERSON (by him), who CREATED everything.(v.3, 10; Col.1:16; He. 1:2)

F. In Him was LIFE (v.4a)

- 1. The Logos has inherent LIFE – Self Existence – Essence of God, (v.4)
- 2. The LOGOS (Son of God) is the Source and Fountain of life
- 3. I John 5:11; John 8:58 "I AM;" John10:10; John 11:25.
- 4. God (LOGOS) breathed into man the breath of life (physical life, *bios* and spiritual life *zoe*). (Ge.2:7) When Adam sinned, he died spiritually.
- 5. Man has derived life; man received life from a source other than himself.
- 6. The LOGOS also animated lower orders of life (animals, vegetables).

G. The LIFE was the LIGHT of men. (v.4b)

1. Physical Light

- a. Ge. 1:3 "...let there be LIGHT..."
- b. But, the sun was not created until day 4. (Ge. 1:14-19) Where did this light originate?
- c. Answer: Psalm 104:1-2. God is Light! Also, Rev. 21:23.
- d. The Almighty is NOT dependent on ANY part of his creation.
- e. Man is dependent on EVERY part of his creation.

2. Spiritual Light

- a. Life and spiritual light are intricately linked together.
- b. Life (spiritual life) is equated to LIGHT, (John 8:12, "...the light of life...")
- c. God gives Eternal Life and Spiritual light to every repentant and believing sinner.
- d. Consider REPENTANCE. 46 X in NT. Not mentioned in John's letters, except for Revelation (6X).
- e. Spiritual Light in **Initial Salvation**
- f. Spiritual Light during **Progressive Sanctification**. Show graph.

- g. Spiritual life enables a believer to receive truth from the Holy Spirit. (I Cor. 2:12), Thus the believer is able to understand justification, redemption, propitiation, reconciliation, sanctification, etc...
- h. Consider the TRICHOTOMOUS constitution of MAN. (He. 4:12; I Thess. 5:23.) Body, Soul (mind, emotion, will), Spirit. The spirit of man connects man to his Creator. Man was spiritually dead due to the fall. At salvation, the spirit is quickened (Eph.2:1), man is reconciled to God, and now the Holy Spirit “witnesses” to our spirit (human spirit). (Ro. 8:16)
- i. (Eph. 1:18) protects us from the evil and ignorance of this DARK WORLD. (I Cor. 2:12, contrast with I Cor. 2:14)
- j. Spiritual illumination gives us enhanced awareness in decision making process between not just good and evil, but between the good, better and best choices in life.
- k. Spiritual illumination helps the believer to stay away from potentially dangerous situations knowing that the devil is like a roaring lion. (I Pet. 5:8)

H. The LIGHT dispels darkness (v.5, the CONTRAST!!)

1. Darkness is equated with ignorance, misery of men working their OWN will. (Do a word study of “THEIR OWN.”)
2. Spiritual Life and Light are contrasted with darkness & spiritual death.
3. John 3:19 – describes darkness; Eph. 3:18 – describes light. (look up both)
4. II Cor.4:6! “...light out of darkness.
5. He penetrates this darkness to save people from a thick, dense, dark cloud.
6. Christ demonstrates this in Matthew 12, where he invades the Strong Man’s house.
7. “Comprehended it not” *καταλαμβάνω* **Apprehend, Overtake. Perceive, Take.**
8. It has the idea of the persistent battle between Light and Dark, Truth and Lies.
9. Men are so ignorant, steeped in their selfishness, worldly lifestyle that they reject wisdom from above, (Judges 19:25), He was despised and rejected (Is..53:3; I Cor. 2:14)

II. Forerunner of Christ – John the Baptist (John 1:6-8)

III. Introduction of Jesus Christ, (John 1:9-14.)