

John 1:1-18, Theological Prologue

- I. **The LOGOS (WORD, 2nd. Person of Trinity) In Eternity and Time (1-5)**
 - A. The Logos is eternal (v.1a)
 - B. The Logos was with the Father. (Two Persons of the Trinity in View) (v.1b)
 - C. The Logos is GOD. The full NATURE of GOD. (v.1c) Predicate Nominative.
 - D. The Logos created everything (v.3, 10b)
 - E. The Logos is LIFE and LIGHT (v.4), Darkness is opposing the Light. (v.5)

- II. **First mention of John the Baptist (6-8) Why right here? Large section later on?**
 - A. John was sent (commissioned by God) (v.6a)
 - B. In the OT prophetic manner; a spokesman for God to the people. It is a transition period between the dispensation of LAW and the disp. of GRACE.
 - C. OT prophets foresaw a messenger, John the Baptist. (Is. 40:3; Mal. 3:1)
 - D. John the Baptist was a WITNESS for Christ. **μαρτυρία**. (MARTURIA. In English MARTYR!) John was beheaded in Matthew 14.

- III. **The Coming of the Light (9-14)**
 - A. The LOGOS sheds light on "Every Man" (General Revelation, Conscience, Special Revelation – Christ & Holy Scripture) (v. 9)
 - B. World: a. He was in His Creation, and among the people to whom He gave life, but the people did not "know" him. (v.10)
 - C. Humanity's Response: a. His OWN, neuter – creation; b. His OWN, Masc. mankind by and large. (v.11)
 - D. BUT ! Whosoever BELIEVES RECEIVES. **Not ACCEPTED**. Look at Eph. 1:6, we have BEEN ACCEPTED in the Beloved. (v.12) Passive tense.
 - E. The determining factor of the New Birth (v.13)
 1. Not by bloods, not by ancestry, (natural descent), not by Jewish blood line. not by circumcision, not by thousands of bulls and goats.

2. Not by the will of the flesh. This is the OLD corrupt human unregenerate nature which is by nature opposed to anything of God. Not by human decision, not by human will, which is corrupt, vile and does not seek after God. (Ro.3:10 – 12)
3. Not by the will of man: Not by pious parents, who want their children to be saved. Not passed on from saved parents.
4. But by the supernatural ACT of the Holy Spirit of God. Tit. 3:5; John 3:5-8; John 6:44, as He sees godly sorrow (II Cor. 7:10), true repentance (Acts 11:18), total trust in the Gospel. (Ro. 1:16-17...The Power of God unto Salvation)

F. The INCARNATION of the Eternal Son of God. (v.14)

1. Was made flesh through the Virgin Birth. (Is. 7:14, Mat.1:23)
2. Dwelt (Tabernacled among us.) I Tim. 3:16.
3. His glory was seen on the Mount of Transfiguration, (Mat, 17:1-3)

IV. John the Baptist's Testimony of Jesus Christ. (15) He is Here!

- A. Relationship between Christ & John. (v. 15 The Baptist is speaking in this verse)
1. John was born 6 month before Jesus was born. **(Humanity of Christ)** (v.15c)
 2. Yet, Christ was (eternally) before John. **(DEITY of Christ)** (v. 15d)

V. John the Apostle's Testimony of Jesus Christ (16-18)

- B. Christ's fullness (v.14c grace & truth), grace for grace. Superlative declaration of Grace. (v.16) Jesus Christ showered them with Truth and Grace (John 14:6).
- C. Old Covenant Law vs. New Covenant (His blood, Mat.26:28). Grace & Truth (v.17)
- D. Christ the Revealer of God to men. (v.18) God is Invisible. (I Tim. 1:17)