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The Eternal “Logos”, Jesus

Jn. 1:1-5, Pt. 2

In part 1 of our study last time we said that the opening five verses of John’s prologue has been declared to be the “Grand Canyon of Scripture” regarding the person of Jesus Christ, that it is so pact, concentrated and deep in its theological truths that it would take all of eternity to mind its riches.

We also said John is not using the Targums nor the Greek concept of the “Logos”, but is revealing Jesus under the Inspiration of the Holy Spirit as the “Logos”, who existed from all eternity and became flesh.

The three ways in which John presents the “Logos” in his opening verses forms a unit.

- I.** The word and eternity. vs. 1-2
- II.** The word and creation. vs. 3
- III.** The word and salvation. vs. 4-5

In our previous study we looked at the first, “The Word and eternity”, and learned four things about Jesus the “Logos”. vs. 1-2

- I.** The Word existed before time. vs. 1a
- II.** The Word existed with God, but was distinct from God. vs. 1b
- III.** The Word existed as God before time. vs. 1c

- IV.** The Word existed with God in eternity before the beginning of time. vs. 2

We have established that Jesus is the “Logos” that has pre-existed from all eternity, He has always been!

So we want to look at the remaining two points. Jn. 1:3-5

- II.** The word and creation. vs. 3
- III.** The Word and salvation. vs. 4-5

II. The word and creation.

* “All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was mad.” vs. 3

- A.** The “Word” Jesus was the channel through which creation took place.

* “All things were made through Him.” vs. 2a

- 1.** The qualifying article “all” is all inclusive, describing creation from the positive side.
- 2.** The word made “egeneto”, means became, describing an event, creation was spoken into existence rather than a process.
 - a.** The first day God said, “Let there be light; and there was light.” Gen. 1:3
 - b.** The second day God said, “Let there be a expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters”, describing the division of the heavens and the earth. Gen. 1:6-8

- c. The third day God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear”, He separated the land from the seas, calling the earth to bring forth vegetation. Gen. 1:9-13
- d. The fourth day God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years; and let them be for lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth”, the sun, moon and stars. Gen. 1:14-16
- e. The fifth day God said, “Let the waters abound with an abundance of living creatures, birds to fly above the earth” all according to their kind. Gen. 1:20-23
- f. The sixth day God said, “Let the earth bring forth the living creatures according to their kind: cattle, creeping things and beasts according to their kind. And God also said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness”, and He gave man dominion of all on the earth. Gen. 1:24-31
- g. The seventh day God rested from all His works, the heavens, the earth and all the host of them.

- 1) God desisted to admire their beauty, design and purpose as He created them, for they were very good.
- 2) God desisted from His work because He was done, not because He was tired.
- 3. The Scriptures affirm Jesus as the channel of creation.
 - a. The Psalmist says, “By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, And all the host of them *by the breath of His mouth*. He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap; He lays up the deep in storehouses. For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast.” Ps. 33:6, 9
 - b. Paul tells the Corinthians, “Yet for us there is one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we for Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, *through whom are all things*, and through whom we live.” 1Cor. 8:6
 - c. Paul tells the Ephesians, “To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ. And to make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things *through Jesus Christ*.” Eph. 3:8-9

- d. The Colossians are told that, “*He, Jesus is the image of the invisible God*, the firstborn (in rank) over all creation. *For by Him all things were created* that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. *All things were created through Him and for Him*. And He is before all things, and in Him all things *consist* or literally are held together.” Col. 1:15-17
- e. The author to the Hebrews says that , “God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, *through whom also He made the worlds*; who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and *upholding all things by the word of His power*, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.” Heb. 1:1-3
- f. Do you know that everything that is visible is made up of invisible things, called atoms made up of protons, neutrons and electrons, which you cannot see. “Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were

not made of things which do appear” and all are temporal. Heb. 11:3

- B. The “Word” Jesus was responsible for all of creation without exception.
 - * “And without Him nothing was made that was made.” vs. 3b
 - 1. The proclamation, “All things were made through Him is the positive of creation, followed by the confirmation in the negative, “And without Him nothing was made that was made.”
 - 2. All the Trinity was involved in creation, a mystery that cannot be understood in its entirety by our minds and any illustration will break down if pushed too far.
 - a. The Father is the source and certainly involved in creation, “God created the heavens and the earth.” Gen. 1:1
 - b. The Son is the channel through which all things were created, “The world was made through Him.” Jn. 1:10b
 - c. The Holy Spirit is the agent in creation, “The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.” Gen. 1:2
 - 3. All that was created by the “Word” the “Logos” is separate and distinct from Him.
 - 1) The creation is not Him, this is usually called Pantheism, teaching that god is all,

and all is god therefore the tree, plant even man are a form of god.

2) The creation is the product of Jesus, who is all powerful.

3) The creation is Physical and was created from nothing, yet God is spirit. Jn. 4:24

* The word in Hebrew created is “bara” God created by speaking the world into existence from nothing in contrast to man who builds from existing materials. Gen. 1:1

4. The Word existed before all creation.
 - a. Jesus pre-existed from timeless eternity.
 - b. Jesus was already in existence before the creation.
 - c. Jesus was the cause of creation.
 - d. Jesus leaves no exception for anything in creation apart from Him.

Illustration

Psalm 19 illustrate the creation of God.

* “The heavens declare the glory of God;

And the firmament shows His handiwork.

Day unto day utters speech,

And night unto night reveals knowledge.

There is no speech nor language

Where their voice is not heard.

Their line has gone out through all the earth,

And their words to the end of the world.

In them He has set a tabernacle for the sun,

Which is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber,

And rejoices like a strong man to run its race.

Its rising is from one end of heaven,

And its circuit to the other end;

And there is nothing hidden from its heat.” Ps. 19:1-6

Application

1. The sun is so large that, if it were hollow, it could contain more than one million worlds the size of our earth. There are stars in space so large that they easily hold 500 million suns the size of ours. There are about 100 billion stars in the average galaxy. And there are at least 100 million galaxies in the known universe.

2. Do you realize that the sun radiates more energy in one second than man has used since the beginning of civilization. In one second, a typical quasar throws out enough energy to supply all the earth's electrical needs for billions of years.

3. We learn from the astronomers that the Milky Way the disc-shaped galaxy to which our sun belongs, is a family of more than 100 billion stars. And these scientists say there may be as many as 100 billion other galaxies in the universe. And they believe that the billions of these galaxies' billion stars may have hundreds of millions of planets like our earth.

* Think about it, this is God’s creation from a one-sentence command!

4. One of the most inspiring, thrilling and recent disclosures of astronomers is that there is a great empty space in the north in the nebula of the constellation of Orion, a heavenly cavern so gigantic that the mind of man cannot comprehend it and so

brilliantly beautiful that words cannot adequately describe it.

* All astronomers agree there is a huge opening in Orion which is perhaps more than 16 Quintillion, 740 Quadrillion miles in diameter (16,740,000,000,000). The diameter of earth's orbit is 186 trillion miles (186,000,000), which in itself is incomprehensible to man. Yet the opening into this heavenly cavern of Orion is 90,000 times as wide. In other words, there could be 30,000 solar systems like ours with a sun in the middle of each, across the entrance of the opening in the north, and still have room to spare.

All things were created through Him the "Logos", who is Jesus!

III. The word and salvation. vs. 4-5

* "In Him was life, and the life was the light of man. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it." vs. 4-5

A. The "Word" Jesus was the source of all life.

* "In Him was life". vs. 4a

1. The phrase "in Him" refers to the "Logos", who is Jesus, the very essence and principle of life in all that He created by virtue of being the source and cause of all things.
2. The word life "zoe" means the life principle of both man and animal, Paul told the Athenians, "He gives to all life." Acts 17:25c

a. We have already noted how animal and man had their beginning at a point in time at the creation!

b. The word "zoe" gives us our English word zoology.

3. The word life "zoe" is also used to describe the quality of life God possesses, age abiding life.

a. It is used a total of 35 times in the gospel of John.

b. It is used in association with "eternal life" or "everlasting life" 17 of the 35 times it appears. Jn. 3:15, 16, 36; 4:14, 36; 5:24, 40; 6:27, 40, 47, 54, 68; 10:28; 12:25, 50; 17:2, 3

* The remaining eighteen others imply "eternal life" in the context!

4. The gospel of John begins and ends with "life", Jesus is clearly that "life." Jn. 1:4a, 20:31

* "I am the way in the truth and the life and no man comes to the Father but by Me." Jn. 14:6

B. The "Word" Jesus in Whom was life was also the light of man.

* "And the life was the light of man." vs. 4b

1. We once again see this stair-step progression as in verse one by beginning the next statement with the last word used, thereby

accomplishing not only progression, but identification and relationship!

- a. In the beginning was the **Word**.
- b. The **Word** was with **God**.
- c. And **God** was the Word.
- d. In Him was **life**.
- e. And the **life** was the light of man.
- 2. The word light “Phos”, means to shine.
 - a. It is used of light itself, be it emitted from a candle, the sun or moon etc.
 - b. It is used to represent man’s conscience. Matt. 6:23
 - c. It is used in a moral and spiritual sense as in our context for the purpose of salvation.
 - 1) Jesus created man with a moral capacity and a conscience to hold him accountable, distinct from the animals. Rom. 2:15
 - 2) Jesus created man with a spiritual capacity to fellowship with God by making him a living soul, with intellect, emotions and a will. Gen. 2:7
 - d. Jesus who is God is the very guiding influence of right and wrong, for He made man after His image and according to His likeness. Gen. 1:26
 - 1) Jesus is the genuine light that gives moral and spiritual light to every man and woman that comes into the world. Jn. 1:9

2) John the Baptist came to give witness of the “Light” that through him people might believe on Jesus. Jn. 1:6-7, 15-16, 20

2) Jesus said, “I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but gave the light of life.” Jn. 8:12c

* The Psalmist declares, “For with You is the fountain of life; In your light we see ligh.” Ps. 36:9

C. The “Word” Jesus being the light of man has always been in the world.

* “And the light shines in the darkness.” vs. 5a

1. The phrase “light shine” is in the present tense, the moral and spiritual light has been shining continuously from beginning of time of man’s creation and continues to shine at the present time in three different ways.

- a. The general revelation of creation attests to God’s eternal power and Godhead, so that man is without excuse. Rom. 1:20
- b. The general revelation of conscience bears witness to a written law in the heart of man evident by their conscience accusing or excusing one another. Rom. 2:15
- c. The special revelation of Scripture attests to the shining light, the expressed will of God through the prophets.

* In the Garden God first expressed to Adam His will to not eat of the one tree!

2. The place it has shined and continues to shine is “in the darkness.”
 - a. The reference is to the fallen world as we know it ever since Adam disobeyed God's command. Gen. 3
 - b. The fallen world of mankind is in rebellion to God, can not please God nor be subject to Him, in fact is an enemy of God. Rom. 8:7
 - c. Satan was a most beautiful Cherub, who lead worship in heaven rebelled against God and drew 1/3 of the angels with him. Is. 14:12-17; Ezk. 28:11-19; Rev. 12:4
 - d. Satan is the god of this world and the prince of the power of the air that now is working in the children of disobedience who are by nature children of wrath. 2Cor. 4:4; Eph. 2:2-3
 - e. Satan is the father of lies and a murderer from the beginning who has come to kill, steal and destroy and he roams about as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Jn. 8:44; 10:10; 1Pet. 5:8
 * From the beginning the light has been shining!

D. The “Word” Jesus “the light of man is always shining in the darkness, but the darkness has not excepted the light.

* “And the darkness did not comperhend it.” vs. 5b

1. The word “and” in the middle of verse five communicates a contrast to the offer of the light and is translated “yet” in other places in the NKJV. Jn. 7:19; 16:32; 20:29
2. The darkness has not comprehended the light.
 - a. The word comprehend “katalambano” is an intense form of the word “take” and could be translated perceive, appropriate, grasp or take in.
 - 1) It is used to lay hold or seize with eagerness, such as the woman taken in adultery. Jn. 8:3-4
 - 2) It is used to communicate an athletic strenuous exertion to achieve the goal. Phil. 3:12-13
 - 3) It is uses figuratively to seize with the mind to permit, admit or allow the light of God’s revelation, which is the way it is used in our text.
 - b. The clear communication is that this dark world of fallen man has not only resisted the light of God’s revelation in the past, present and will in the future, but that it will not welcome the message due to its fallenness and depravity.
 * Some attempt to interpret this to say that the darkness did not extinguish the

light from the beginning, though this is true, this is not what it is saying!

1) The fallen world did not welcome nor apprehend the light. Jn. 1:5b

2) The world of fallen humanity did not know Him. Jn. 1:10b

3) The Creator came to His own nation and His own relatives and they received Him not. Jn. 1:11

4) The condemnation of the world is that the light has come into the world, but men love darkness rather than light. Jn. 3:19

5) Those who do evil hate the light because the light exposes the evil they practice. Jn. 3:20

E. The revelation of God through creation is sufficient to condemn humanity, not to speak of special revelation by the word of God that reveals our need of salvation.

* You might believe it is nonsense that I need to be saved or even that God cannot do it! Once again consider the mighty power and wisdom of God in His creation!

1. The sun is a great power plant. If you were to mark off one square yard on the sun you would find that it is giving off 70,000 horsepower of energy continuously. There are a tremendous number of square yards on the sun's surface: more than 10,000 times

the number of square yards on the surface of the earth. Suppose that we decide to buy the energy that the sun gives off for a period of twenty-four hours. Suppose we can buy this energy for one fourth cent per kilowatt-hour. To pay for this energy in silver dollars would require enough money to cover the United States four miles deep. This represents a tremendous amount of energy. Yet when God created the sun, He had to put into that act of creation all of the energy that has come from the sun and all that which may yet to come from the sun. There is still enough energy in the sun to last for some thirty billion years.

2. Do you realize that every year a layer of the sea fourteen feet thick is taken up into the clouds. The winds bear their burden into the land, and the water comes down in rain upon the fields, to flow back through rivers. and we question if the power of God is able to keep us, just examine creation!.
3. The moon is 238,856 miles away, and the tides twice a day are usually a gentle reminder of its presence. Tides of the ocean run as high as 60 feet in some places, and even the crust of the earth is twice a day bent outward several inches by the moon's attraction. All seems so regular that we do not grasp to any degree the vast power that lifts the whole area of the ocean several feet

and bends the crust of the earth, seemingly so solid. (Without the moon's effect, the seas would inundate the land!)

4. Do you know that anything may be reproduced on scale model except the universe. The impossibility of making such a model accurately is shown by the fact that, if the earth were represented by a ball only one inch in diameter, the nearest star, Alpha Centauri, would have to be placed nearly 51,000 miles away.

* All that power and yet He will not violate your free-will, He will not force you to be saved, you must ask Him into your heart by faith!

Illustration

In a biography of Daniel Webster, 863 pages dealt with his career and just five pages are devoted to his death. In Hay's life of Abraham Lincoln there are 5,000 pages but only 25 are devoted to the dramatic story of his assassination and death. In most biographies the deaths of the subjects are mere incidents at the close of the books.

But when we come to the four biographies of Jesus, the four Gospels, we are confronted with a strange fact. One-third of Mark, one-fourth of Luke, and one-half of John are given to His death. All these pages are devoted to the last 24 hours of His life. The death of Jesus Christ is a significant fact in human history, because Jesus Christ came for the express

purpose of dying for sinners. When He left heaven, He knew He was going to the cross. #6199 Vol. 2

Application

1. Jesus is the only One that can give spiritual life or eternal life, a God-like life.
 - a. John says, "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life." Jn. 3:14-15
 - b. John again says, "The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into His hand. 36 He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him." Jn. 3:35-36
2. Jesus is the only light to reveal the sinfulness and darkness in the heart of the human race.
 - a. John says, "That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world." Jn. 1:9
 - b. John again says, "Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life." Jn. 8:12
3. Jesus the light and life of man is constantly not excepted and rejected by sinners.
 - a. Jesus said, "And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men

loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.” Jn. 3:19

- b. Jesus said, “I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness. And if anyone hears My words and does not believe, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him—the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.” Jn. 12:46-48

All the light that man has received for salvation is from the “Logos” who is Jesus!

Conclusion

John presents the “Logos” Jesus in three ways in his opening verses.

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