Jesus the eternal

When we think of Jesus we normally go into the mode of either Jesus is my friend. Jesus is my savior. Jesus died on the cross. Etc.

I'd like to take time to broaden our perspective on who Jesus actually is from an eternal perspective.

As we start this 5 week countdown to resurrection Sunday my prayer and heart is to enter into a deeper understanding of what the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ really means. And the weight that it carries.

Resurrection Power - 5 week series

- 1. Jesus the eternal (March 12)
- 2. His eye is on the bride (March 19)
- 3. Hosanna (our desperate need) (March 26)
- 4. The Finality of The Blood -Palm Sunday (April 2)
- 5. Resurrected Jesus (Easter) (April 9)

John 1. NKJV

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. 4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

Eternally Preexistent

"In the beginning was the Word." There never was a time when Christ did not exist because the word "was" is in the Greek imperfect tense, which means "was continuing." In fact, the entire first verse bears this sense. "In the beginning was continuing the Word, and the Word was continuing with God, and the Word was continually God." Jesus Christ is preexistent. He always was continuing. Christ is eternal.

Eternally in Relationship

Next the apostle adds, "and the Word was with God." Literally, "the Word was continually toward God." The Father and the Son were continually face to face.

Eternally God

"and the Word was God." The exact meaning is that the Word was God in essence and character. He was God in every way, though he was a separate person from God the Father. The simple sentence of verse 1 is the most compact and pulsating theological statement in all of Scripture. Jesus was always existing from all eternity as God, in perfect fellowship with God the Father.

<u>Revelation 1:8</u> "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End," says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

Have you ever thought about how Jesus can be in eternal past and eternal future at the same time because he is eternal past and eternal future?

He wants you to experience this on a personal level.

Lets talk about healing first. If there is something of your past that needs healing he can go to that moment and heal it. Not only that but by His spirit which is in you He can take your actual spirit which is eternally in Him from the beginning. He can take you, your spirit to that moment and show you how He was there and how he is healing you.

You was before you were.

Hard to wrap your head around right?

Lets break it down.

In the beginning was the Word (JESUS),

vs 3 <u>All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made</u> <u>that was made</u>. 4 **In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.**

Colossians 1:16-20 KJV

16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

So everything that was or has ever been was in the person of Jesus eternally. That includes you and I. This is where false ideology like reincarnation comes from.

It's a piece of a truth that has been twisted. And you can tell its demonic in its root by one simple fact. Reincarnation is based on a works mentality that you can earn a better eternity and 'return'.

Since satan knows that THROUGH JESUS a person can ONLY be saved by grace through faith and NOT OF WORKS.

He had to come up with something that had eternal yet partial truth to it. He used the eternal all things consisting in Jesus truth to create an alternative twisted version that would lead people away from the actual source of eternal life which is JESUS CHRIST!

Jesus is the only way!

Back to the brain buster of being eternally in HIM.

Jesus is eternal All things consist in Jesus He is the alpha and omega He is already at the end and still at the beginning WHY, Because He is both. THEY ARE HIM. WE, are His creation, made in His likeness. We are seated with Christ in heavenly realms. We are eternally in Him and He in us. Your entire life is wrapped up in Jesus.

Even the very cells in your body consist in Him and are made by Him. The air you breathe is because of Him.

No wonder it's such a struggle for mankind to find meaning, purpose and direction without Jesus.

Its a struggle because there is no meaning, purpose or direction apart from Him.

- HE is the meaning
- HE is the purpose
- He is the direction

If you spend your life learning to know Him, everything else will fall into place.

It's our lack of wisdom and flesh that keep us from fully diving in. We desperately need Him.

Did you know that there is Heavenly wisdom?

James 3:13-17 NKJV

13 Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom. 14 But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth. 15 This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic. 16 For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there. 17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. 18 Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

Communion.

The Greatness of Christ.

Corinthians 8:9 NLT

You know the generous grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty he could make you rich.

Phil 2:6 NLT

Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to.

<u>Colossians 1:17 NLT</u> He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together.