

GOD the SON

Jesus Christ is GOD!

John 1:1

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NKJV - *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."*

ESP - *"En el principio era el Verbo, y el Verbo era con Dios, y el Verbo era Dios."*

NLT - *"In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God."*

AMP - *"IN THE beginning [before all time] was the Word (Christ), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God Himself."*

[The average person spends about 1/5 or 20% of his or her life talking.](#) This means that the average human being could fill a [50 page book](#) every day. That also means, that at the end of an average lifetime, you could fill [3,000 books](#) or [1,500,000 pages](#) of words you've spoken.

[WORDS...What is the most important WORD ever?](#) What are the most important words that a person can ever speak? If you were to look to our culture today, they would say this:

- *The 6 most important words in the world are "I admit I made a mistake."*
- *The 5 most important words are "You did a good job."*
- *The 4 most important words are "What is your opinion?"*
- *The 3 most important words, "If you please."*
- *The 2 most important words "Thank you."*
- *The single most important word is the word "You."*

I. Jesus is God, **ETERNALLY**.

II. Jesus is God, **EQUALLY**.

III. Jesus is God, **ESSENTIALLY**.

I. **Jesus is God ETERNALLY**. - *"In the beginning was the Word.."*

- **NLT** - *"In the beginning the Word already existed."*
- Here, John takes us back to the earliest point our minds can imagine..before Gen 1:1, before the beginning of the physical universe, before the beginning of the angelic realms, to the very **BEGINNING** of everything outside of **GOD**...and the eternal, infinite Christ was **ALREADY** present! Why?? How?? He is **GOD the SON**, and has always existed with the Father and Spirit.
 - This is the ancient Greek word "**λόγος**" or "**logos**", a word pregnant with meaning to both the Jews and to the Greeks...
 - *The Hebrews thought of GOD as the "Memra" or the "Divine Word."*
 - *The Greeks thought of the Divine Mind behind all of reality as the "Logos."*

• Explains the many “**Christophanies**” in OT

- Gen 3 - Jesus regularly walked with **Adam** in the Garden.
- Gen 14 - Jesus appeared to **Abraham** as Melchizedek and received the tithe.
- Gen 18 - Jesus appeared to **Abraham** w two angels.
- Gen 28 - Jesus appeared and wrestled with **Jacob** all night long.
- Josh 5 - Jesus appeared and encouraged **Joshua** before a battle.
- Dan 3 - Jesus appeared and protected the **3 Hebrew boys**.

• Jesus’ **DISCIPLES** declared this often:

- **PETER** in **Matt 16:16** - “Simon Peter answered and said, “You are the Christ, **the Son of the living God.**”
- **BAPTIST** in **John 1:23** - “..The voice of one crying in the wilderness: “Make straight **the way of the Lord.**”
- **NATHANIEL** in **John 1:49** - “Nathanael answered and said to Him, “Rabbi, **You are the Son of God!** You are the King of Israel!”
 - **Jesus and Satan were having an ongoing debate about who was better at using a Mac computer.** They had been debating it for some time, and finally God the Father said, **“I’m going to set up a test that will run for 2 hours and I will judge who does the better job.”**
 - So Satan and Jesus sat down at their Mac keyboards and began typing away. They moused. They did spreadsheets. They wrote reports. They sent faxes. They sent e-mail. They sent out e-mail with attachments. They downloaded. They did some genealogy reports. They made cards. They did every known job, that the Mac could possibly perform. But just 10 minutes before the deadline, lightning suddenly flashed across the sky, thunder rolled, rain poured and, like in PR, the electricity went off. Satan stared at his blank screen and screamed loud enough for the underworld to hear it. Jesus simply sighed and patiently waited.
 - Finally, the electricity flickered back on, and each of them restarted their computers. Satan started searching frantically, screaming **“It’s gone! It’s all gone! I lost everything when the power went out!”**
 - Meanwhile, Jesus quietly started printing out all of his files from the past two hours. Satan observed this and became irate. **“Wait! He cheated, how did he do it?”**
 - God the Father shrugged and simply said, **“Don’t you know? Only Jesus saves!”**

• **JESUS** Himself declared this frequently:

- **Jn 17:5** - “And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You **before the world was.**”
- **Jn 8:58** - “Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, **before Abraham was, I AM.**”
- **Rev 1:8-9** - “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.”

II. **Jesus is God EQUALLY.** - “..and the Word was with God..”

- “**prostontheon**” - Gk. meaning “face to face” with God the Father
- Introduces the concept of the “**TRINITY**” that GOD is 1 in His nature, but 3 in terms of Persons - God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit.
 - The truth of the **TRINITY** is all over the Old and New Testaments:
 - Gen 1:1 “Elohim”; Gen 1:26; Num 6:24-26; Isa 6:3; Matt 3; Rev 5

- **PAUL** fearlessly proclaimed Christ as equal to GOD the Father:
 - **1 Thess 1:1** - "To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."
 - **Phil 4:19** - "...my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."
 - **2 Cor 13:14** - "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen."
 - **BIBLE DECLARES THIS:**
 - 1. Creation 2. Salvation 3. Sanctification 4. Glorification

- **JESUS** declared His equality with God the Father:
 - **John 10:27-29** - "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand...and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand."
 - **John 10:30** - "I and My Father are one."
 - **Psalm 110:1** - "The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool."

III. Jesus is God **ESSENTIALLY**. - "...and the Word was God."

- **AMP** - "...and the Word was God Himself."
- In Greek this literally reads "God was the Word." ("Theos en ha Logos")

- Jesus has the same divine nature/substance as the Father
 - **QUESTION:** "What is the **FOUNDATION** of the New Testament Church?!?"
 - **Matt 16:15-18 NLT** - "Then he asked them, "But who do you say I am?" Simon Peter answered, "**You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.**" Jesus replied, "You are blessed, Simon son of John, because my Father in heaven has revealed this to you. You did not learn this from any human being. Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means 'rock'), and **upon this rock I will build my church**, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it."
 - "Jesus Christ has no peers; there is no human to be compared with Him." - **DL Moody**
 - "I need Christ, not something that resembles Him." - **CS Lewis**
 - "God, still fully God, became fully man as well so that He could pour Himself out on an executioners cross as our representative. That's who Jesus was - the Son of Man, and also the Son of God." - **Budziewski**
 - "It is not possible that the man who denies the deity of Christ can be a Christian, because He is deliberately refusing the only way of escape from the wrath to come...Depend on it, you will never go to Heaven unless you are prepared to worship Jesus Christ as God." - **Charles Spurgeon**

- Of course, not everyone understands that Jesus Christ is GOD the SON, and clearly Satan opposes this truth with all of his resources and schemes!!
 - *"Is there anyone more misquoted, misrepresented, or misinterpreted than Jesus Christ?" - Joshua Youssef*

- **The CULTS Always Do These 4 Things Regarding Jesus:**

- % (Divide Your Loyalties)
- X (Multiply Your Requirements)
- + (Add to Scripture)
- - (Subtract Jesus' Deity)
 - **2 Jn 7-11 NLT** - *"..many deceivers have gone out into the world. They deny that Jesus Christ came in a real body. Such a person is a deceiver and an antichrist... 9 Anyone who wanders away from this teaching has no relationship with God. But anyone who remains in the teaching of Christ has a relationship with both the Father and the Son. 10 If anyone comes to your meeting and does not teach the truth about Christ, don't invite that person into your home or give any kind of encouragement. 11 Anyone who encourages such people becomes a partner in their evil work." (Gal 1:6-10)*

- **The EARLY CHRISTIANS passionately defended Jesus as "GOD the SON", by composing the NICENE Creed: (325AD)**

- *"We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.*
- *And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God...God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God..of the same essence as the Father."*

- **Jesus' DISCIPLES boldly preached Him as "GOD the SON":**

- **THOMAS** in **John 20:28 NKJV** - *"Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!"*
- **PAUL** in **1 Tim 3:16 NKJV** - *"And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh.."*
- **Col 2:9 NLT** - *"And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh.."*
- **Titus 2:13 NKJV** - *"..looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.."*