

# GOD THE SON – “Jesus is the Life!”

John 1:2-4

Pastor Jason Dennett's Notes

**NKJV** - “He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.”

**ESP** - “Este era en el principio con Dios. Todas las cosas por él fueron hechas, y sin él nada de lo que ha sido hecho, fue hecho. En él estaba la vida, y la vida era la luz de los hombres.”

**NLT** - “He existed in the beginning with God. God created everything through him, and nothing was created except through him. The Word gave life to everything that was created, and his life brought light to everyone.”

I. Related to God, Christ is **ETERNAL!** (v.2)

II. Related to the Universe, Christ is **ALL-POWERFUL!** (v.3)

III. Related to Mankind, Christ is **VITAL!** (v.4)

**I. Related to God, Christ is ETERNAL!** (v.2)

**“He was in the beginning with God.”**

- We covered this ground last week, but suffice it to say that John clearly explained to us that Jesus Christ is eternal and has always existed with God the Father, and God the Holy Spirit.

- **John 1:1 NLT** - “In the *beginning the Word already existed*. The Word was with God, and the Word was God.”

- **1 John 1:1-2 NLT** - “We proclaim to you the *One who existed from the beginning*, whom we have heard and seen. We saw Him with our own eyes and touched Him with our own hands. *He is the Word of life. This One who is Life itself* was revealed to us, and we have seen Him. And now we testify and proclaim to you that *He is the One who is eternal life*. He was *with the Father, and then He was revealed to us*.”

**II. Related to the Universe, Christ is ALL-POWERFUL!** (v.3)

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

- Everything in our universe was initially formed and created through the power of Jesus Christ, God the Son. Without His power and influence,

John tells us there isn't one individual molecule, or one single molecule that's been formed. Everything was created thru the power of Jesus!

- Col 1:15-16 NLT - "*He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation, for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth.*"

• **Jesus sustains the universe by His command!**

- Heb 1:2,3 NLT - "*..now in these final days, he has spoken to us through his Son. God promised everything to the Son as an inheritance, and through the Son he created the universe. The Son radiates God's own glory and expresses the very character of God, and he sustains everything by the mighty power of his command.*"

- Col 1:17 NLT - "*He existed before anything else, and He holds all creation together.*"

• **Everything was created to bring Jesus pleasure!**

- Rev 4:11 NLT - "*You are worthy, O Lord our God, to receive glory and honor and power. For you created all things, and they exist because you created what you pleased.*"

- *Since Christ is the Great Creator & Manufacturer of the universe, He is the one we must go to when something breaks down! (Henry Ford and Charles Steinmetz...)*

• **Jesus is both the Source and Goal of Creation!**

- Col 1:15 NLT - "*Everything was created through Him and for Him.*"
  - *A father was reading the newspaper, and trying to keep his energetic son occupied...*

**III. Related to Mankind, Christ is VITAL!** (v.4)

**"In Him was life, and the life was the light of men."**

- **"In Him was life"** - Here John uses a very unique Greek word for "life"...
  - **"Bios"** - physical, biological life, externals
  - **"Psyche"** - inner self, thought life, personality
  - **"ZOE"** - (54x in John's Gospel) - meaning spiritual life, eternal life, the deepest quality of life. This is the Life of God which can be imputed to us, and poured out within us, thru Jesus!

- The Scriptures clearly teach us that every human being is born “DOA - Dead On Arrival”. All of us were born spiritually dead!
  - Psalm 51:1-7 NLT - “Have mercy on me, O God, because of your unfailing love. Because of your great compassion, blot out the stain of my sins. Wash me clean from my guilt. Purify me from my sin...5 *For I was born a sinner - yes, from the moment my mother conceived me...*7 Purify me from my sins, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.”
- Eph 2:1-4 NLT - “Once *you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins.* 2 You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil...4 But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, 5 that even *though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead.*”
- 1 John 1:1-2 NLT - “... *He is the Word of life. This One who is Life itself ..*”
- John 3:3-7 NLT - “Jesus replied, “*I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God.*” 4 “What do you mean?” exclaimed Nicodemus. “How can an old man go back into his mother’s womb and be born again?” 5 Jesus replied, “I assure you, no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit. 6 Humans can reproduce only human life, but *the Holy Spirit gives birth to spiritual life.* 7 So don’t be surprised when I say, ‘*You must be born again.*’
  - “Jesus is not only the Lord of all creation, in that He made everyone and everything. He is also the Lord of Redemption, the One who sacrificed Himself to die in the place of all sinful men, taking the punishment of our sins upon Himself, and offering us eternal life in return. Christ is therefore, the only One through whom a person can and must be rescued from their sins, by receiving the eternal Life that is only found in Jesus, God the Son.” - James Odens
- In relation to God He is **ETERNAL**, in relation to the universe He is **ALL POWERFUL**, in relation to mankind, He is **VITAL**.