

GOD the SON

Jesus Christ is GOD! Pt. 2

John 1:1

Pastor Jason Dennett's Teaching Notes

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."

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**

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** 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 CONSTANTLY:**
 - 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.*"
 - **John 5:17-18** - "Jesus replied, "My Father is always working, and so am I." 18 So the Jewish leaders tried all the harder to find a way to kill him. For he not only broke the Sabbath, *he called God his Father, thereby making himself equal with God.*"
 - **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")
- 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** - "For in Christ lives all *the fullness of God* in a human body..."

- **Phil 2:5-11** - "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, 7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. 9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
 - **English : *"..the form of God.."* - Greek: *"..morphe Theou.."* "Morphe" is not external (Gk. "schema"), that which always changes, but "morphe" is rather the **INTERNAL**, that which never changes - essence, substance, nature. Paul is declaring that Christ is of the **SAME SUBSTANCE** as the **FATHER**. Jesus is **GOD**, the **SON**. Jesus is the **GOD-Man**.**

- **Titus 2:13 NKJV** - "..looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.."