

CHRISTMAS, THE WORD OF GOD BECOMING A PERSON

John 1:1-14

Introduction: "Logos" is a Greek word which means a collection of things in the mind and spoken sounds or written letters which reveal the mind. We communicate what is in our mind by finding a way to relate those thoughts to others. We speak, write, use physical movements such as sign language and our thoughts are brought out into the open so others can know what we are thinking.

Christmas is an example of the most wonderful way God made His thoughts known to mankind. For us today Christmas is shepherds, wise men, Mary, Joseph, angels, Christmas trees and all the decorations, Santa and his reindeer, carols, presents, cards and a host of other things. However Christ is the dominating and most outstanding character of Christmas, because He is what Christmas is all about. He is the very center of it all, the person of the Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of the Living God.

John in the first chapter of his Gospel presents the Lord Jesus in seven wonderful ways:

- He is the Word (1:1-3, 14)
 - He is the Light (1:4-13)
 - He is the Son of God (1:15-18, 30-34, 49)
(Seven people in John's Gospel called Jesus "the Son of God:" John the Baptist, Nathanael, Peter, the healed blind man, Martha, Thomas, and John.)
 - He is the Christ (1:19-28, 35-42)
 - He is the Lamb of God (1:29, 35, 36)
 - He is the King of Israel (1:43-49)
 - He is the Son of Man (1:50-51)
- (Jesus is the God-Ladder between heaven and earth, revealing God to men and taking men to God.)

What a unique person is Jesus, who could create the world, give men salvation, reveal God, baptize with the Holy Spirit, know every detail about every person, forgive sin, and open the way to heaven, with Himself being "The Way." All of these things being true of the little babe lying in a manger.

I. *"In the beginning was the Word..." (1:1)*

- "Word" represents thought, mind, intelligence, existence, heart (more than sounds or letters).
- The "Word" existed before Adam, or any other person.
- "Word" is composed of letters and letters represent thought, mind, heart, intelligence, thoughts.
- **The Bible is the written "WORD" of God.**

II. *"...the Word was with God..." (1:1)*

- This "**Word**" that was from the very beginning was in company with almighty God.
- God and the "**Word**" had been together always for there was no beginning for God.

III. *"...and the Word was God."(1:1)*

- Not just IN the presence of God.
- Not just FAMILIAR with God.
- **But Almighty God, Himself!**

IV. "All things were made by Him (the Word)." (1:3)

- The "**Word**" spoke and created all things.
- "*Let there be...*"
- Nothing exists that was not created by **the "Word."**

V. "In Him was life..." (1:4)

- The "**Word**" gave life to all things that were created.

VI. "...and the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us..." (1:14)

- The "**Word**" which represented the mind, intelligence, existence and heart of God became **human flesh, a living being - a baby, visible, knowable, touchable.**
- The human being promised to Mary.
- The human being born in Bethlehem in a stable.
- The human being the angels came to tell the shepherd about.
- The human being the wise men came looking for to bring gifts to and to worship.

VII. "He came unto His own and His own received Him not, but to as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name. (1:11-12)

- The "**Word**" became flesh to reveal the mind, intelligence, existence and heart of God.
- The "**Word**" became flesh to offer eternal life to men and women, making them the children of God.

CONCLUSION:

1. Christmas is about how much God cares about us.
2. Christmas is about God becoming one of us in order to bring us to Himself.
3. Jesus Christ is the visible, touchable, know-able "**Word**" of God.
4. The greatest gift one can ever receive is the one from Almighty God - eternal life and adoption into God's own family.
5. The greatest gift one can ever give is to tell the **real** Christmas story to one who doesn't know what the **real** Christmas story is.
6. That little babe lying in a manger is the "**Word of God**" in the flesh.
7. **CHRISTMAS! The visible love of God for you and me!**