

Title: The Deity of Jesus Christ *(Do You Really Know Who Jesus is?)*

Text: John 1:1-5

and Take your Bibles, please, and turn with me to John chapter 1. The gospel of John chapter 1. I would like to begin a series of messages from this wonderful fourth Gospel. The gospel of John has to be the greatest testimony to the person of Jesus that one could possibly find. John is unique. It is not like the other three gospels in view of the fact that 93% of the material in John does not appear in Matthew, Mark or Luke.

The theme of this book is THE DEITY OF JESUS CHRIST. Or, if you would like a subtitle: I would call it: *Do You Really Know Jesus?* ~~TO JEHOVAH WITNESSES WITH~~ LOVE.

In John chapter 20 verses 30 and 31, we find the purpose of John. Vs. 30 says, "Many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples which are not written in this book. But, these have been written"... These signs in the book of John have been written so that "you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

So, there is a two-fold purpose in this book. (1) First, the book was written so that we might believe that Jesus is all He claims to be. That He is

the Messiah, the Son of God, and the only means of salvation. And (2) secondly, by believing in Him we would experience eternal life.

Acts 4:12 says that "there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved." And ~~we~~ ^{you} learn about this in the Gospel of John.

TAKE TIME TO Read This Book

Dear friends, ~~this is going to be a great study~~ And I hope you will be

omit present for each message. I hope you will invite someone to come with you to share in the blessed truth of this fourth Gospel.

I AM only going to share the first 5 verses

And in all of this, I pray the prayer that was a request of the Greeks who wanted to see Jesus. They came to the disciples and said: SIRS, WE WOULD SEE JESUS."

John chapter 1 beginning with Vs1. Our subject: ~~THE DEITY OF~~

With The Real Jesus

PLEASE STAND UP
JESUS CHRIST.

Would you please stand for the reading of God's

omit Word?

(Read John 1:1-5)

(Prayer)

(1A) In chapter ^{Vs1} 1 through 18, we will be looking at THE DEITY OF JESUS CHRIST in a number of different ways.

Now (1B) First of all, in verse 1 ~~2~~, we will look at the THE PERSON AND POWER OF JESUS. No, 5 verses of Scripture thrills my heart more than

and God's purpose vs 3-4 - The Power of God - vs 5 - His purpose

these 5 verses in understanding and knowing Jesus. And I pray that I can

Purpose

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1st of all The Person - Jesus

share this wonderful truth with you this morning. (1C) There are three things that I want you to understand about the PERSON OF JESUS CHRIST.

(1D) Number one, HIS ETERNITY. HIS ETERNITY. The Bible teaches that Jesus is the eternal Son of God. Vs. 1 says: “In the beginning was the word.”
Vs. 2 says: “He was in the beginning with God.”

Now, the definite article “THE” is not in the Greek text. It simply says, “IN BEGINNING.” And that is very important to remember. WHY?

Because if it was in “The beginning”, it would refer to the act of creation.

And many people look at it that way. And thus they conclude that Jesus was created at a point in time. Namely when he was born in Bethlehem.

No way, dear friends. That is not what this verse is saying. Jesus was never created at the time he was born in Bethlehem.

Let me show you why. IN BEGINNING” refers to “beginning.” This means “BEGINNING OF ALL THINGS.” That is, as it was, before,

anything was made or created. Before anything was created, what existed?

Well, according to Vs1 IN BEGINNING WAS THE WORD. In beginning, whenever that was, before “all things” of Vs. 3, THERE WAS JESUS.

Dear friends, Jesus has always existed. Jesus is the eternal God. And that is the correct teaching of Vs 1.

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I am amazed at how many people believe that Jesus is nowhere call
“eternal.” The Bible says in Isa. 9:6, “For unto us a child is born, a son is
given; and the government will rest on his shoulders; and his name will be
called wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, and the eternal Father.”

People often remark with the hope of confusing you that Jesus is never called "THE FATHER". But here in Isa. 9:6 he is clearly called "THE FATHER." Literally, the Hebrew says "THE ^{Eternal} FATHER OF THE AGES."

Would you turn to Hebrews chapter 1, please. Hebrews chapter 1 verse 1 and 2. This is a wonderful passage in helping us understand Jesus. To understand who Jesus really is. That He didn't begin when He was born as a babe in Bethlehem. He has always existed. He is eternal.

(Read Hebrews 1:1-2)

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Now, how does God speak to us in this day and age? How? It is through his son, Jesus Christ.

Now, the word "world" in Vs 2 is simply the word for "ages." Isa 9:6 says that He is the Father of the ages. Hebrews 1:2 says that He made the ages.

The point is that Jesus is above time. He is the Alpha and Omega. He is the beginning and the end. He is the eternal ^{Son of} ~~God~~ God. And according to Scripture, He is the one that made "time itself." All of the ages are under his control. *Press God! Including This Age*

Now, come back to John chapter 1. Dear friends, we are looking at the person of Jesus, as to his eternity. Jesus is the eternal ^{Son of} ~~God~~ God.

(2D) Secondly, concerning the Person of Jesus notice His equality. Jesus is equal with God the Father. In the second phrase of Vs 1, we have this statement: "THE WORD WAS WITH GOD." Literally it reads, "THE WORD WAS TOWARDS THE GOD." It means that the Word was towards or facing THE GOD. That term is always used ^{in Greek} meaning "equality." "Facing" on the same level...Equality..

(3D) But, then, in the third place, John goes on to spell out the deity of Jesus by saying that Jesus was not only equal, but in truth He was God. Because when it says "THE WORD WAS GOD" we have a clear statement of fact to the deity of Jesus Christ. That Jesus is God. The same God that the Father is...

Now, dear friends, the Bible teaches the TRI-UNITY OF GOD. God is three in one. It is not one plus one plus one, which equals three. It is one times one times one equals one. And that is very important.

Now, God saw fit, one day, to localize himself, that is a manifestation of his presence in ^{an} human body called Jesus. But, dear friends, if you have limited Jesus to that substance, I have news for you. For you are going to be amazed at ^{who} ~~whom~~ Jesus is. He is ~~God~~ God. And God is one. But, he makes himself known as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Now, we will learn more of this wonderful truth at a later time. But for now, simple understand that Vs. 1 and 2 teach that Jesus is God. *That is who He is.*

(2C) Now, secondly, let's look at the power of Jesus Christ. What a fantastic statement of power is found in vs. 3. It says: "All thing came into being through him; and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being." WOW!! What a tremendous verse. Two things, here that I want you to see concerning THE POWER OF JESUS CHRIST.

(1D) Number one deals with the nature of His created power. And his nature includes "ALL THINGS." There isn't anything that has come into existence that wasn't the result of the power of Jesus. *Think about that! That ought to shoot a hole in the big Bang Theory*

Dear friends, I hope you understand that truth. People often ask: "Can Jesus change me. Or, can Jesus change this church? Oh, listen, all things came into being through him. Don't you think that he can ~~it~~ change you? ^{SURE} ~~SURE~~ he can. Jesus is God who made you. In fact, he made "all things."

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Colossians 1:16 says: "All things were created through Him and for him. So, certainly he can change you or this church. His wonderful creative power.

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(29) The second thing we learn from Vs 3 about the Power of Jesus is the necessity of His presence. This is an amazing ^{Truth} ~~point~~. I have studied this verse many times. But, all of a sudden the truth hit me between the eyes.

Vs 3 says, "apart from Him nothing came into being that is now existing." ^{There is a Real Jesus here} ~~this~~ is great. ^{Wow!} ~~Wow!~~ Not one single thing. Now, watch this carefully because ~~this~~ is great.

According to this verse, everything that has ever been created is continuing to exist because of the presence of Jesus Christ. THAT, DEAR FRIENDS, REALLY THRILLS ME BECAUSE I READ IN COLOSSIANS 1:17 that through Jesus all things ^{are} hold together. All the physical laws of the universe...all of them are being sustained by the presence of Jesus...WOW!

You know..I wander at times if we don't limit Jesus. I love to look back at the cross and see my saviour who died there. OH, man...there is nothing as precious and as wonderful to the Christian. And He died there for me. Oh, it is so great. I just PRAISE THE LORD.

And I like to think of His resurrection. He arose from the grave. I love to think of His ascension into heaven..And most precious of all, I just love to think of that day when Jesus will come again to receive me forever. Oh, let me tell you these are all wonderful truths. Amen!

But, you know, that is not all there is to it. Listen, dear friends, Jesus is everywhere. He is the eternal God. And you cannot run away from Him. You cannot limit Jesus. Everything that exist, you and I...the world, the stars, the universe, everything that you consider important in life... is being sustained by the eternal presence of Jesus' power. THAT IS OUR SAVIOUR...THAT IS JESUS. Do you know who He really is?

The Bible is telling ^{us} ~~you~~ here in John chapter 1 who Jesus really is. Have you come to believe in this Jesus? I often feel like shouting: WILL THE REAL JESUS STAND UP. ^{The Power of Jesus!}

(3C) This brings us to 3C on your outline. God's purpose in all of this. Vs 4 and 5. What was God's purpose? This God who became man. Vs 4 says: "In Him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness: and the darkness did not comprehend it."
Two things, here, concerning His purpose.

(1D) Number one. The text is saying that Jesus is the giver of all life and all light. Now, light is what you and I need to know about God. It is understanding or knowledge about God. And all of that light or understanding is IN THE LIFE that Jesus is and has. Thus, in John 14:6, Jesus can say: "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through me."

The point is: Jesus is all the life there is. And He is all the light or knowledge that we need to know. He is the truth. And if you want to know what Life is all about, you need to come to Jesus. WHY? BECAUSE HE IS LIFE.

(2D) And, the second thing about this purpose in vs 5 is the redemption of people. Vs 5 says: that the light shines in the darkness; and the darkness did not overpower it." The darkness is referring to the entrance of sin into the world. Light is shining in this darkness of sin. It is shining and you can never get rid of the light. *Presence of God!*

In other words, we can never stop the knowledge of the presence of God. We might believe that we live in a pretty dark world. But, the light of God is present. Paul said in Romans 1:20 "that the invisible things of God are clearly seen by the things that are made so that man is without excuse."

We can look at the universe and know that God exist. No matter how much sin might seem all around us, it will never stop or put out the knowledge of God's ^{eternal} ~~eteran~~ presence or His love or His grace. PRAISE GOD. And, dear friends, if you can get a hold ^{of} ~~to~~ this principle, it will free you to be the person god's want you to be.

Now, let me put all of this together for you. Over in I John 1:5 we read, "God is light and in him ^{is} ~~is~~ no darkness at all." Vs. 7 says: "If we walk in the light as He is in the light (you see, Jesus is light). And if we are in that light, then we share in common His life. "And the blood of Christ cleanses us from all sin" (which is the darkness.) "If we say we have no sin," the Bible says we are liars and we are walking in darkness." WHY? Because God is light and in Him is no darkness or sin.

In 2 Corinthians 4:6 Paul says: "That the God who commanded the light to shine out of darkness is the one who has shined in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of god in the face of Jesus Christ."

O.K. here is the application. As a ^{person} ~~Christi~~an the light of Christ shines in our life and over powers all sin. And that is why we have forgiveness. That is why we have eteranal security . And that is why you need to ask Jesus into your life, if you have never done so.

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Blessed Truth
Dear friends, this is another ~~principle~~ principle to live by. No matter what your sin. Jesus has overcome it. And I say PRAISE GOD. *And I hope you do too!*

You who have an ear, let him hear what the Word of God says.

SHALL WE CLOSE IN PRAYER