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MINISTRY OF THE WORD

IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD, THE WORD WAS WITH GOD, THE WORD WAS GOD.

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SCRIPTURE READING: **John 1:1-14**

John 1:1, In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

1. BACKGROUND

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2. INTRODUCTION

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3. ELEVEN POINTS TO THE MESSAGE

a. In the beginning was the Word.

1. **John 1:1, In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**
2. The aforementioned verse sets forth three factual irrefutable statements: In the beginning was the Word, the Word was with God, and the Word was God. It is difficult for the finite mind to comprehend such important truths.
3. Right off we must understand that there is a Trinity contrary to what some say. **1 John 5:7, *For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one.***
4. There is God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit; they are all God, they are all the same, yet they are all different. **Luke 3:22, *And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.***
5. They have different functions which we will see very clearly as we proceed into the study today.
6. There is really no way we can figure out how old the universe is or when the beginning was.
7. As far back as we can go into eternity the Lord Jesus Christ will walk out on the pages of eternity past and meet us there. **Revelation 1:8, *I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.***

b. The same was in the beginning with God.

1. **John 1:2, The same was in the beginning with God.**
2. Again the Bible makes it clear that God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit are all different.
3. Jesus Christ was with God.
4. When was He with God? In the beginning, as a matter of fact everything was created by Him and for Him.

c. All things were made by him.

1. **John 1:3, All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.**
2. The Lord Jesus Christ is the Creator.
3. Not only did He exit from Bethlehem, and rose from the grave, but the Bible emphatically says He created it all.
4. When Adam was formed out of the dust of the ground, it was the Lord Jesus Christ that did the work. **Genesis 2:7, *And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.***
5. When the worlds were framed by the Word of God, Jesus Christ was there. **Hebrews 11:3,**

Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

6. He is the instrument of creation.
7. Nothing came into existence without Him.
8. This verse makes it extremely clear that all things were made by Him.
9. **We can now get a little glimpse of who Jesus Christ really is. There is no question; The Preserved Word of God makes it very clear that Jesus Christ is God.**
10. I think the world has lost sight of who He is and what He is all about. **Revelation 1:18**, *I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.*

d. In him was life.

1. **John 1:4**, In him was life; and the life was the light of men.
2. There are two simple words that come into focus; "light" and "life."
3. On several occasions it had been said that Jesus Christ was the light of the world. **John 8:12**, *Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.*
4. Also in **John 14:6**, *Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*
5. These two words are common but we depend on them as being the very source of our salvation.
6. We depend on life; sometimes we take it for granted but each breath we breathe is given to us by the Godhead.
7. We also depend on light.
8. When we lose electricity in our home, it disrupts and slows things down.
9. We live in a world where there is absolute spiritual darkness.
10. The Lord Jesus Christ came so that spiritual darkness might disappear and men and women might come to know Him as personal Saviour. **John 1:12**, *But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:*
11. The natural man cannot receive the things of God. **1 Corinthians 2:14**, *But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.*
12. Man is in rebellion against God, man is blind to the things of God; however, that does not change the fact that the Lord Jesus Christ is life and light. **Romans 3:11**, *There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.*
13. That light must be kindled. **Man must be born again in order to be able to see the Kingdom of God.** No one can save themselves nor keep themselves saved. **Matthew 19:25-26**, *When his disciples heard it, they were exceedingly amazed, saying, Who then can be saved? 26: But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.*
14. This is the reason why the Lord Jesus Christ came to die on the cross for the sins of mankind.
15. It is amazing any conversation you get into with men and women; when it switches to eternal things and spiritual things, you can see the darkness as it closes in.
16. People do not understand the things of Christ; however, this does not change the fact that He was in the world to illuminate and to conquer spiritual darkness and He is the only one who is able to do it. **John 8:12**, *Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.*

e. And the light shineth in darkness.

1. **John 1:5**, And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.
2. The word comprehended means the light could not be put out as a result of the darkness.
3. It is amazing when we turn the electricity on in a room; the darkness all of a sudden disappears.
4. The exact thing happens to the human heart when we come to know Jesus Christ as personal Saviour by accepting and embracing Gods promises. **Psalms 119:130**, *The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.* **John 8:12**, *Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.*
5. He illuminates us; the darkness disappears and the marvelous light starts to show.

6. It enables one to understand the Word of God and to understand the salvation process. **Mark 4:11**, *And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables:*
 7. Darkness and light cannot appear together. The moment we bring in the light the darkness is gone. **Matthew 6:24**, *No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.* **Psalms 119:130**, *The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.*
 8. Although Spiritual light and darkness does exist together in the same body, whichever one we feed is the one in control. **Romans 7:23-25**, *But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. 24: O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? 25: I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.* **Romans 8:1**, *There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.*
 9. As a matter of fact, this is what we have talked about with respect to the two natures of mankind which we dealt with extensively in a previous message titled **"For I Know That In Me (That Is, In My Flesh,) Dwelleth No Good Thing:"**
 10. We must understand as darkness and light appear side by side, the darkness cannot take the light down. *"and the darkness comprehended it not."*
- f. There was a man sent from God.**
1. **John 1:6-9**, **There was a man sent from God,** whose name was John. **7:** *The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. 8: He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. 9: That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.*
 2. For a moment we take a side trip to speak of John the Baptist who was a forerunner of the Lord Jesus Christ.
 3. We remember John's famous words in **John 3:30**, *He must increase, but I must decrease.*
 4. The Bible says John was sent from God in **verse 6**.
 5. God the Father sent John the Baptist into the world to *"bear witness of the Light,"*
 6. The Lord Jesus Christ is that light.
 7. *"that all men through him might believe."* – If we believe the record that God has given of His Son, God will subtract our sin and give us His righteousness for our belief. **1 John 5:11-12**, *And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12: He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. John 3:36, He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.*
 8. There is no way that we can get into Heaven other than having the true light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world. *That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.*
 9. We are born into sin, we are born into darkness, shapen in iniquity and it takes the precious Son of God to subtracts our sins and give us His righteousness. **Psalms 51:5**, *Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.* We must remember He was God's perfect sacrifice who knew no sin. **2 Corinthians 5:21**, *For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.*
 10. The Bible says John was not that light. *"He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light."*
 11. *"the true Light,"* – is none other than the Lord Jesus Christ.
 12. When we accept Jesus Christ as personal Saviour our sins are forgiven. **Psalms 103:12**, *As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us. Hebrews 1:3*, *Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; Hebrews 10:12, But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; Hebrews 10:17, And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more. Hebrews 10:26, For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, rejecting the truth has severe consequences my friend **2 Thessalonians 2:10, And with all deceivableness of***

unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 2 Thessalonians 2:11, And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:

13. We can have a home in Heaven because God the Father views us through the blood of Jesus Christ. **Leviticus 17:11, For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.**

g. He was in the world.

1. **John 1:10, He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.**
2. We have alluded to the fact that the world lies in spiritual darkness.
3. There is no one that can come to the Father other than through the perfect Son of God. **John 14:6, Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**
4. Today there is a claim that atheist, agnostics and deists do not believe there is a God. **Psalms 14:1, The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good.**
5. I do not believe that deep down within that there is any such category as this. I believe that the right circumstance will drive them to the Living Saviour.
6. The Bible says in **Romans 1:20, For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:** The Bible teaches from the aforementioned verse that it is instilled in the heart of every man that there is a God.
7. Deep down within the heart there is a yearning for the Lord Jesus Christ and His salvation.
8. It is the Gospel that saves us; there is nothing else except the Gospel Message.
9. The Apostle Paul declared in **1 Corinthians 15:1-4, Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; 2: By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. 3: For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; 4: And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:**
10. Jesus told us in **Luke 5:32, I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.**
11. **Romans 3:23, emphatically tells us For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;**
12. There is much unbelief in the land, much misconception of who Christ really is; but if we know the Preserved Word of God and allow it to speak to our heart it will become extremely clear who Jesus Christ our Saviour really is. **It is the sin of unbelief that can never be forgiven and contrary to popular opinion; unbelief is the only sin that will take one to hell. John 16:8-9, And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: 9: Of sin, because they believe not on me:**
13. "the world knew him not." – This means that mankind is not naturally bent toward God. We want to do it our own way.
14. The Bible says in **Proverbs 16:25, There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death. Proverbs 21:2, Every way of a man is right in his own eyes: but the LORD pondereth the hearts.**

h. He came unto his own.

1. **John 1:11, He came unto his own, and his own received him not.**
2. He came into the universe but His own people did not receive Him.
3. Who were His own people? The Jewish people, the Nation of Israel, God's chosen people had rejected Him.
4. They had a responsibility for protecting and passing on to you and I the Oracles of God. **Romans 3:2, Much every way: chiefly, because that unto them were committed the oracles of God. Acts 7:38, This is he, that was in the church in the wilderness with the angel which spake to him in the mount Sina, and with our fathers: who received the lively oracles to give unto us:**
5. They had the responsibility of accepting Jesus Christ as their Messiah; however, He was emphatically rejected by many of his own.

i. But as many as received him.

1. **John 1:12, But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:**

2. The Bible gives us the plan of salvation in this verse.
3. There is no power to save outside of the Lord Jesus Christ. **Acts 4:12**, Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.
4. We ask Jesus into our heart to be our Saviour, we receive Him, we confess with our mouth and we believe in our heart the Gospel message. **Romans 10:9-10**, That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10: For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.
5. It is not about anything we do or the magic of what we say. There is no magic in the sinner's prayer; "Lord be merciful unto me a sinner." will in fact get the job done.
6. We have to remember **Romans 10:17**, So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.
7. There is no faith a part from the Word of God. **Romans 14:23**, And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.
8. It is not a gendered up faith; the Holy Spirit draws us to the side of the Living Christ.
9. When we receive the Word of God we can be saved. **2 Peter 1:4**, Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.
10. We can depend on Christ, we are complete in Him. **Colossians 2:10**, And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:
11. We can rest in the Living Saviour. **Psalms 37:7**, Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass. Matthew 11:29, Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

j. Which were born, not of blood.

1. **John 1:13**, Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.
2. This verse takes us back to the conversation that Jesus had with Nicodemus, a very religious man.
3. **John 3:7**, Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.
4. Nicodemus did not understand but Jesus stayed on point and told him **John 3:5**, Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.
5. The water represents the Word of God. **Ephesians 5:26**, That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,
6. We are clean through the Word that He has given unto us. **John 15:3**, Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.
7. **Psalms 119:9-10**, Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word. 10: With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments.
8. **Psalms 119:11**, Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.
9. Our natural birth will not get us to Heaven, the blood of bulls and goats could not get the Old Testament Saints to Heaven, neither will it get you and I there. **Hebrews 10:4**, For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.
10. It is only the precious blood of our Lord and Saviour that will do the job. **Hebrews 9:22**, And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission. Hebrews 11:13, These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.
11. God has no use for the flesh. **Romans 8:8**, So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.
12. There is no good in us at all. **Romans 7:18**, For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.
13. The perfect solution is in the Son of God, Jesus Christ our Lord.

k. And the Word was made flesh.

1. **John 1:14**, And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the

- glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) **full of grace and truth.** **Romans 11:6,** And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work.
2. Three factual statements are in this verse.
 3. **"And the Word was made flesh,"** – We know that God has no use for the flesh of mankind. He gave up on the flesh in the Garden of Eden. **1 Timothy 3:16,** *And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: **God was manifest in the flesh,** justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory. **Romans 8:8,** So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.*
 4. Jesus Christ came, born of a virgin, miraculously was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and went to Bethlehem to be born as a babe in a manger. **Luke 1:3-35,** *Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? **35,** And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.*
 5. God had to send someone that was perfect to identify with sinful mankind. **John 1:29,** *The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. **1 Peter 1:19,** *But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:**
 6. There was no one worthy, so God Himself came out of eternity, and came as a babe in a manger to be the Saviour of the world. **Revelation 5:3-5,** *And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon. **4:** *And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon. **5:** *And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.***
 7. The **Gospel of John** does not mention His birth in Bethlehem. Why? Because He is now too big for Bethlehem, He is Deity.
 8. Out of eternity the Word of God became flesh. What God required, God in fact provided.
 9. The **second** statement is **"and dwelt among us,"** – This means that He came, identified with us, took on a human body, was tempted in every point as we are tempted yet without sin. **Hebrews 4:15,** *For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. **Hebrews 7:26,** *For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens;**
 10. Our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit. **1 Corinthians 6:19,** *What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?*
 11. **2 Corinthians 5:1,** *For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.*
 12. **James 4:14,** *Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.*
 13. God gives mankind an opportunity in this life to come to know Jesus Christ as personal Saviour.
 14. The wisest man that ever lived other than the Lord Jesus Christ, talks about the duty of man. **Ecclesiastes 12:13,** *Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.*
 15. The tent we have down here can be blown over in a short period of time.
 16. We must make a decision for Christ before anything happens to our earthly tabernacle.
 17. The **last** statement is **"full of grace and truth."** - If we want to find truth the Lord Jesus Christ is the truth. **John 1:17,** *For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. He has ordained the local church to be the pillar and the ground of the truth. **1 Timothy 3:15,** *But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.**
 18. The Bible says when He shows us the truth if we reject it He will send a strong delusion. **2 Thessalonians 2:11,** *And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:*
 19. He was made flesh; in His flesh there were limitations but in His Deity there is none.
 20. The word "full" means you cannot have any more; once it is full it is full. **Colossians 2:10,** *And*

- ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:*
21. He brought Deity with Him and He was full of grace which is God's unmerited favor. It allows us to have favor with God. **Luke 2:52**, *And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.*
 22. God the Father cannot afford to slip us into Heaven under the cover of darkness.
 23. He is willing to accept us as we are. **Ephesians 2:1**, *And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;*
 24. Do you know the Saviour today?
 25. If you do not know Him don't depend on getting to Heaven any other way than through the door. **John 10:9**, *I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.*

4. CONCLUSION

- a. I know the Word is accurate and has been preserved for us.
Psalms 12:6-7, *The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. 7: Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.*
- b. I know Jesus went to the cross to save me. I put my faith and trust in the Lord Jesus and he has saved my soul for all eternity.
- c. He is able to do the same thing for you today.
- d. He is not in the manger today. He is not on the cross. He bodily rose from the dead. He ascended into Heaven and presented His blood at the Throne of God. You, today, like the shepherds, can come to Him.
- e. When the shepherds heard the news, they immediately got busy. They left their flock and went to see what all the excitement was about with respect to the Lord Jesus Christ. The wise men traveled from afar, but they saw the star and moved with haste to worship the young child.
- f. He will cancel all your sin. He will clear your record. He will save your soul. **Matthew 11:28-29**, *Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29: Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.*
- g. Would you trust in God's only Son, Jesus today?
- h. Jesus said, *"I am the way, the truth and the light. No man cometh unto the Father but by me."*
- i. **Acts 16:31**, *And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.*
- j. **Romans 3:23**, *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;*
- k. **Romans 3:10**, *As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:*
- l. **Romans 10:9-10**, *That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10: For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*
- m. Would you stand, please?

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