

The Son of God Revealed

John 1:1-5

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The most important question in the history of the world is “who is God?” In the book of John, we see the answer. In John 20:31, it says, **“but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.”** Jesus Christ overcame death and sin to give us eternal life. And in the beginning of John, we find an answer to the question, “who is God?”

1. Creator

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. (John 1:1-3)

In John it says that God created all things. When Jesus came to Earth, He would create from nothing and those who believed in Him would be called new creations. In 2 Corinthians 5:17, it says, **“herefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”** Even someone dead will come to life if they meet Jesus Christ. And if you know Jesus Christ, you also have been raised from the dead and given new life. So when we believe in Jesus Christ, there are two things we must understand.

First, change comes from experiencing Jesus. The most important characteristic of someone who is saved is how his or her life changes. Our actions and our thoughts change completely. In Ephesians 2:12-13, Paul talks about how our lives were different before and after Christ: **“remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.”**

When you experience Jesus, you will experience change. In the news, Korean churches have been

getting weaker. They used to be the forefront of the Christian movement, but have slowly faded away. Why is that? When people meet in churches in Korea, there is no change in their lives. This means the church does not have any power and is not blessed by the Holy Spirit. There will always be change when Jesus Christ is leading the church.

Second, gaining discretion comes from believing in Jesus Christ. Before, we lived without thinking. But now we live differentiating between what is good and bad, what God wants and what He wants us to stay away from. When you are filled with the Holy Spirit, all your thoughts are given by the Lord. When Peter preached in Acts 2:37, people’s thoughts began to change any they started to see the world differently. **Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”** We must connect what the Bible says and the things that happen in our lives. We can hear God’s words everyday, but if it does not connect into our actions and thoughts, then it has no value.

2. The Reality of God

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

When John says the Word, it represents God. Therefore we know that Jesus Christ is the Word of God and when we follow and obey the Word of God, we follow Jesus Christ. The Word of God has no beginning. People and things may have a beginning but Jesus has no beginning or end. It says in this verse that the Word of God was from the very beginning, that there was nothing before it. Jesus was there from the very beginning. When you believe in Jesus Christ, the reality of God becomes real. Encountering Jesus is the same as encountering God. I pray that we would become a church that strives to experience God through the Word everyday.

3. The Light of Life

In him was life, and the life was the light of men. (John 1:4)

John does not describe a normal light but a spiritual light. This spiritual light is felt when your heart feels like it's about to explode when you experience Jesus or when you are healed by the Holy Spirit. There are different ways to have this spiritual light, but they all come through the grace of God. This light is a light that changes people. Even though normal light can bring light to darkness, it cannot change lives. The spiritual light can bring the dead to life and can change any person.

In the Britannica Encyclopedia, there is a person named Junius. He was a very accomplished man with a great background. He was a minister for 17 years and an accomplished professor at Oxford University. His father was also a famous minister. But there was a time in his adult life when he gave up his religion and wanted to just focus on his studies. But one day, he went into his father's study and found a book. When he opened it, it turned to John 1:1, **"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."** His heart began to pound faster and he realized how beautiful the Word of God was. That there were three parts of Jesus that were explained in just one sentence. That Jesus was the Word, that He was Light, and that he was Creator. It was then that he fell to his knees and found his calling to ministry.

It is through God that our souls are saved. But even if you believe in Jesus, when you step away from the church and you do not receive His grace, you will fail. They say that the best fruit you can possibly eat is fruit from a mountain near the Mediterranean Sea. The reason it's the best and healthiest is because the ground it's planted in. The ground is not good because of the fertilizer but because of the sun and the rain around it. This is the same with our souls. We need the spiritual light to shine in our lives in order for us to produce good fruit.

God is the creator of the universe. He is also the truth and the Word. I pray that we would become a church that understands that Jesus Christ is the Lord, and that only He is able to satisfy our souls.

SHARING-----

1. When we become Christians, we experience change. Please share what has changed in your life before and after you met Jesus.
2. When we become Christians, we learn discretion. We learn to connect the Word of God with our lives. When was a time when a sermon you heard connected with a specific part of your life?
3. When the light of Christ shines in our lives, all of the dark things become revealed. What part of your life needs to change now that the light of Jesus is shining in your life?