

Make Church a Part of Your Life

WEEKLY SERMONETTE



"The Word"

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John 1:1-5 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning.

3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. 4 In him was life, and that life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.

What would you say about your best friend when he was gone? The above scripture was penned by the apostle John. It was John to whom Jesus said from the cross, "you will take care of my mother now". It was John who was called "the disciple whom Jesus loved."

Scholars and historians tell us that John outlived the other disciples, and that he likely wrote his account of Jesus' life last of the four gospels.

Assuming that his audience had read one or more of the other accounts, he did not begin his with the Christmas story, or with the baptism of Christ, but

with the creation of the world. Why?

John wanted the reader to know what he knew. Jesus was more than a good friend, and more than a wise man. Jesus was God made man, the

second part of the Trinity.

Jesus was in the beginning with God. Through him all things were made. He became flesh and dwelt among us (v. 14). He told the woman from Samaria that he was in fact the

Christ (4.26). In 16.28 we read that Jesus told his followers he was going "back to be with the father". Numerous other times John records Jesus referring to himself with the same title God used with Abraham, "I AM".

When you call yourself a "Christian", you are not referring yourself to a club, or a race of people. You are saying that you are a follower (disciple) of the man who is God. The teacher who invented the rules. The sinless one who died to pay for your sins, and rose from the dead; who awaits you in heaven, yet lives in your heart.

As you read the gospel of John, put yourself in John's chair. Imagine what would make the best friend of Jesus write the things John says about Christ.

Leonard Ravenhill said, "One of these days some simple soul will pick up the Book of God, read it, and believe it. Then the rest of us will be embarrassed." Read your Bible and believe what it tells you. Then live your life accordingly.



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Today's world is complex; moral standards are more elastic than a rubber band. Concepts of right and wrong are stretched in convenient directions. How can we survive the whirl of conflicting philosophies and revolving door values? What is the simple truth for today?

The truth for today is and has always been found in God's Word. The Bible has inspired great leaders throughout time; its unchanging principles can guide you through today and a maze of tomorrows. As you worship this week give thanks to God for His Truth, the simple truth.

Weekly Scripture Reading

Colossians 1:1-23	Colossians 1:24-2:5	Colossians 2:6-19	Colossians 2:20-3:17	Colossians 4:2-18	Matthew 2:1-12	Matthew 2:13-23
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