

## The Word – God Is

Scripture Text: John 1:1-5

This is the second lesson in a series of 5 lessons that examines Jesus as John depicts Him.

- The first lesson showed how Jesus was present in the beginning.
- This lesson will show how God is the Word.

All words are useless unless we know what they mean.

- Philatelist. Important word – one that collects stamps.
- Stop. Important word – means to cease an action.
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In our Scripture Text:

- John addressing to prove the deity of Christ
- Proves that Christ was present in the beginning
- One of the most beautiful and simple passages in Scripture.

This morning, let us use the Word of God to see what God has said.

### 1. Unity in Scripture

A. Defined:

1. Not being multiple
2. Condition of Harmony.
3. [For kids] the quality or state of being one.

B. Unity is gravely important. Jesus stressed unity while on this earth.

1. John 17:5
2. John 17:11
3. John 17:21
4. John 17:22

C. Elsewhere in Scripture:

1. I Cor. 1:10ff – Corinthians had a problem. They weren't unified. Paul told to correct them.
2. I Cor. 12:14-25

D. Why this unity? God's design.

### 2. Godhead (example of unity)

A. What is the Godhead?

1. Defined: the nature of God especially as existing in three persons —used with “the”
2. It is a way to describe the three members: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

B. Uses in Scripture:

1. Col. 2:9
2. Acts 17:29 – not made of earthly things
3. Rom. 1:20 – things in nature are evidence of the creation

C. Points to consider

1. Each member of the Godhead is both separate and in unison at the same time.
2. Matthew 3:13-17
  - a. Jesus comes to John to be baptized as an example.
  - b. The Holy Spirit descends in the form of a dove
  - c. God speaks and shows approval, cf. Psalm 2.
3. Acts 7:54-60
  - a. Stephen has been preaching Christ and has been stoned.
  - b. V.55- full of the Holy Ghost
  - c. v.55- saw the glory of God
  - d. v.55- Jesus at the right hand of God
  - e. All three present and acting simultaneously and in unity.
4. Unity is important.

3. Unity today

A. The things we do today are because of unity with the teachings of God. [They should be, if not, we need to change.]

B. The early church practiced the unity that Christ prayed for in John 17.

1. Matthew 18:18-20 – Apostles had power to bind or loose
2. Acts 2:42 – continued in the Apostles’ doctrine
3. Acts 20:7 – met on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the week

C. How do we keep the unity?

1. “Give me the Bible.” Read it, see what it says, and apply it to our lives.
2. Do not change what it says! Rev. 21:18-19

3. Avoid “foolish and unlearned questions.” [II Tim. 2:23]

God is the Word in the fact that all three members of the Godhead are unified. We studied last week how Jesus is the Word, John 1:1, 1:14. This week, we looked at how God is also they Word.

Out of all the words in the world, only one has all the power and the ability to save souls: Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

Are you obeying that Word? SOS

Has sin entered your life?

Can we help?

Remember, the Bible is true and God is eternal. What He has said is important and we need to live by those words.

Invitation.