

John 1:1-5

Genesis 1:27

Christ, the Son of God, the complete embodiment of God's Word, came among us. He looked on humanity's losing battle with sin and pitched His divine tent in the middle of the camp so that He could dwell among us.

Beth Moore

So, Jesus came, stripping Himself of everything as He came – omnipotence, omniscience, omnipresence – everything except love. “He emptied himself “(**Philippians 2:7**), emptied himself of everything except love. Love – His only protection, His only weapon, His only method. *E. Stanley Jones*

The most important thing about the Bible is that it points us to the living Word of God, which is Jesus Christ.

Billy Graham

Slowly and surely, we learn the great secret of life, which is to know God.
Oswald Chambers

God did not write a book and send it by messenger to be read at a distance by unaided minds. He spoke a Book and lives in His spoken words, constantly speaking His words and causing the power of them to persist across the years. *A. W. Tozer*

God did not spring forth from eternity. He brought forth eternity.
C.H. Spurgeon

The grace of God I infinite and eternal. As it had no beginning, so it can have no end, and being an attribute of God, it is as boundless as infinitude. *A.W. Tozer*

The Deity of Jesus Christ

1In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2He was in the beginning with God. 3All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. 4In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. 5The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. **John 1:1-5 NASB**

10I have seen the task which God has given the sons of men with which to occupy themselves.

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11He has made everything appropriate in its time. He has also set eternity in their heart, yet so that man will not find out the work which God has done from the beginning even to the end. **Ecclesiastes 3:10-11 NASB**

Before the mountains were born or You gave birth to the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God. **Psalms 90:2 NASB**

- The 'word everlasting' can have a variety of meanings but for our purpose today we will use the definition of 'the beginningless past'.
 - From 'the beginningless past' to the 'endless future', He is God.
 - In **John 1**, John is prompting us to experience God in the 'wonderment of His everlastingness'...in the beginning was the Word...(His 'everlasting beginningless')

God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. **Genesis 1:27 NASB**

- Here is the picture: Jesus is the Living Word with no beginning and no end (He is God).
 - God places 'eternity' in the heart of every person, He has put the desire for 'everlasting beginningless' into every person's heart. We all have a yearning for everlasting life placed in us.
 - Once you discover that pull towards His 'everlastingness' in your heart then the battle is 'on'...we are indwelt with the 'eternity' He places in us...He has made us in His image. So, there is something in God that responds to us and something in us that wants to respond to Him.
- Our brain gets worked up by technological advances, 'new' inventions, and schemes...but they never last, they never satisfy.
 - Our brain tells us that we must have all the latest, newest, and best, but our heart is yearning for 'everlastingness'.
 - Our heart will never be satisfied with the concepts of the brain alone...we have something in us that is seeking 'everlastingness' and nothing else will do.

15Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16For all that is in the world, the lust of the

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flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. ¹⁷The world is passing away, and *also* its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever. **I John 2:15-17 NASB**

- **V15..**"do not love the world or what the world can offer..." **20th Century New Testament**

Stop considering the world precious with the result that you love it, and the things in the world. If anyone as a habit of life is considering the world precious and is therefore loving it, there does not exist the Father's love [i.e., the love possessed by the Father] in him. Because everything which is in the world, the passionate desire of the flesh [the totally depraved nature], and the passionate desire of the eyes, and the insolent and empty assurance which trusts in the things that serve the creature life, is not from the Father as a source but is from the world as a source. And the world is being caused to pass away, and its passionate desire. But the one who keeps on habitually doing the will of God abides forever. **I John 2:15-17 Wuest**

- The world offers us what is 'cool' and current but in our inner man we want the eternal life that on comes from the eternal God of **John 1**.

God placed eternity in the heart of every person and we can only be fully satisfied by the divine everlastingness of Jesus, the Word made flesh.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵John *testified about Him and cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me has a higher rank than I, for He existed before me.'" ¹⁶For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace. ¹⁷For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has seen God at any time; the only begotten God who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained *Him*. **John 1:14-18 NASB**

Jesus has come to interpret the Father to us...to satisfy 'that eternal ache within us'...to live that life forever together with Him. ONLY HE can explain and fulfill that longing for eternity that is placed within us...

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Lord, we thank You for your Son Jesus, and we open our hearts to Your Spirit to receive You afresh or to accept You for the first time today. Nothing could be better or mean more than to be alive with the life of God in our heart. Thank You, Father, and we now say YES to Life Eternal. Amen

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