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Reading: John ch 1 v 1-3

Subject: God from the beginning

The theme of John's epistles is the humanity of the Lord Jesus Christ. He was perfectly human.

The theme of his Gospel is to establish the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus of Nazareth is nothing less than the son of God.

“the Word” is a title of the Lord Jesus Christ. Four things are said about Him:-

“in the beginning” indicates the eternal nature of the Lord Jesus Christ

“word was God” indicates the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ

“word was with God” indicates the separate identity (personality) of the Lord Jesus Christ

“all things made by Him” indicates the creatorial glory of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Words are used to express thoughts. Through the medium of words we express ourselves.

“no man has seen God at anytime” (John 1:18). Everything we know about God has been expressed visibly in the Lord Jesus Christ. “He has told Him out”

“In these last days God has spoken in His son” (Heb 1:1). Lord Jesus Christ is the link between God and ourselves. The Lord is God’s mouthpiece.

“I am alpha and omega”

Alpha - First – Beginning of the Greek alphabet

Omega - Last - End of the Greek alphabet

Christ is Gods' Alphabet

Medium of manifestation

Means of communication

Method of revelation

Many beginnings are spoken about in the Bible

“In the beginning was the word and the word was God”

Was - “eganeto” - Greek word which means came into beginning.

He is the source of all things.

Was - “ito” - Greek word which means to exist

They are the same word in English but have distinctly different meanings.

“he was before me”

I am = Eternal being

He is before the world was.
He is before all things.

“the word was God”

One of the clearest statements that points out the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ.

He healed on the Sabbath day

“My Father” - He claimed equality of God. Working coextensively on all days.

They found fault because He healed on the Sabbath and claimed to be the son of God. He would not do anything without the Father. By claiming equality with God in performing His works, He showed that He is equal with God in works and power.

“All men should honour the son as they honour the father”

“He that honoureth not the son honoureth not the father”

Separate personality of God - Three persons but one God (Genesis 2:24)

Creatorial glory - Man in boasting cannot create one blade of grass.

We are frail and futile individuals (Revelation 3:18; Col 1:17)