

## Chapter One



# The Logos—God

The idea of God has puzzled many people, especially the fact that God became man in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. I was speaking to a friend of mine once, a Jewish friend, and he raised a real question about this. I can understand well why he raised the question. He said, “I cannot understand how another Jew can be God.” Well, I can’t either, really, but that is not the problem or the question. It is not how a man can become God, but the question is can God become man? That is the question to which we must address ourselves.

We have the right to ask these questions. Who is the *Logos*, the Word? Where did the Word come from? What did the Word do?

I don’t believe any other questions are any more puzzling than these. I would like to say, dear friend, that we must take our starting point from God if we are going to find our way in this world. You see, my friend, it’s not so smart or intelligent not to believe the Bible. I believe the Bible is the way to get to God. In fact, the most intelligent response you can make in life is to take the Bible for what it is, God’s Word. Faith in God’s Word will open great doors in your understanding. Whole new fields of truth will open to you. So why deny yourself this great opportunity when you could, by simple faith in God’s Word, have doors of understanding open before you?

When I turn to the book of John and begin to read, I notice an important word. It is the word, 'Word.' "In the beginning was the Word." Some writers tell us that this Greek word, *Logos*, is a special kind of word in this particular passage. It does open a tremendous door of understanding to us once we hear what the Bible has to say. A great depth of meaning is contained in this word, *Logos*. So my message is entitled **THE LOGOS-GOD**.

Let us read these five verses from John 1:1-5.

*1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

*2 The same was in the beginning with God.*

*3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.*

*4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.*

*5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.*

In these five verses, the writer lays down three basic **PROPOSITIONS** about the Word to lead us to a fuller understanding. Here are great doors of understanding immediately before us.

The first Proposition: **The Word Is God.**

That is a basic proposition. The writer proceeds to support this proposition by pointing out that the Word was there in the beginning. Saying it another way, never was there a time when the Word did not exist. This emphasizes that the Word is eternal. I readily recognize that in our human expression we find it difficult to think of the meaning of the word, eternal. The reason is we are bound constantly by time considerations; by minutes, hours, days, weeks, months, years, and centuries. But the Word is God because He was there in the beginning. This is proof of the proposition.

The writer further supports his proposition, the Word is God, by stating "the Word was with God." The *Logos* was there beside God; He was in His presence. He was there-face to face with God.

I must insist, dear friend, on this particular translation of the

clause because in my study of the Greek language of the New Testament, I have found that the proper way to translate this passage is “The Word was God.”

We find in other passages similar truth, clear and certain. The Word is God is a basic proposition you must accept to enter this door of understanding.

The second Proposition: **The Word Is Creator.**

Observe carefully verse 3: “All things were made by him.” That immediately clears up our understanding of the beginning of matter. This one called the “Word” is the Creator of everything, all things visible and invisible. In fact, the verse goes a bit further to say, “All things were made by him; without him (apart from Him) was not anything made that was made.” This verse then establishes the proposition; the Word is Creator.

If we were to turn to Genesis 1, we would see how God created the heavens and the earth. He made all things; He made everything. Whether it be the general or the details of the creation, the Word was active as Creator. Here the Scripture clearly asserts and affirms this proposition; the Word is Creator.

The third Proposition: **The Word Is Revealer.**

This fact is established by the statement, “the life was the light of men.” Rationality, the power to think, in the human race is light. We often refer to it as the light of reason, and God has so made us that we have this light of reason. In Him, the Word, was life and no overpowering darkness could ever subdue that light. The darkness could not overcome it.

A great many attempts have been made to put out the light. But because He is the Revealer, the light still shines. The Word is the Revealer is our third proposition that opens a great door of understanding for us.

In these five verses, by these three basic propositions, we must clearly see who the *Logos* is: He is God; He is Creator; He is Revealer.



## Chapter Two



# God's Children

God, in His wisdom, created the first pair, male and female. Then He commanded them to be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth. In other words, it was expected of Adam and Eve that they would bear children, that children would be born to them. But, you know, all that parents can do is reproduce themselves. No human parents have ever given birth to any other creature than human children. What you are is what you bring forth.

A man once said, "All you can do is bring forth little heathen!" In a sense, that is true because all of us are separated from God until we take a step of faith in His direction. There is a part in each of us that must be touched by the Spirit of God to be born in a spiritual way. And the *Logos*, the Word, has a part in making us **GOD'S CHILDREN**. John 1:6-13 is the Scripture basis for this meditation.

*6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.*

*7 The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe.*

*8 He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.*

*9 That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.*

*10 He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.*

*11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not.*

*12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:*

*13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.*

In these few verses, several **ACTIONS** of God are set forth by which we can become God's children. Will you take note?

The first Action: **He Included All Men.**

He included all men by His messenger. God sent a messenger. His name was John. He came to bear witness of the Light: to bear witness, to point out the Light, to help people see the Light, to instruct them who the Light is. The reason was "that all men might believe." Note, He included all men.

John was not that Light. That was made very clear. He was sent to point out who the Light is. Please notice carefully that no one can take the place of the Light. This one who came was to say Who the Light is and where the Light can be found.

In doing so, God was working out His purpose to include all men, the Scripture says, "that all men through Him might believe." The actions of God are seen in another way.

The second Action: **He Influenced Every One.**

He influenced everyone by His mission. He, the Light, was sent to lighten every man. That was the true Light to which John bore witness and it is the Light that lights every man who comes into the world. There is something of a response to the Light in your soul, in your being. God has given you a bit of Light.

Jesus, the true Light, was in the world. It is His creation. He came here as the Light, and yet His own creatures whom He made did not receive Him. His own did not receive Him.

Yet, His coming as the Light influenced everyone. I'm so glad for this because it means no one is excluded. Everyone is included,

but even more, so is everyone influenced by the Light. We have a capability of responding to that Light.

In fact, you have been influenced by Him. You may not really know it, but you have been, because the light of God has been placed within you so that light can be responsive to this light, the true Light. The Bible here clearly tells us that Light has lightened every man. In the action of God, He influenced everyone.

The third Action: **He Enables Certain Ones.**

He enables certain ones by His ministry. I want you to follow carefully how this is written. All men are included, everyone has been influenced, but only certain ones come to the light. He enables certain ones by His ministry. Who are those certain ones? The ones who receive Him. "But to those who received him, to them he gave the authority to become the children of God." God's children.

The basic turning point is right there. As many as receive Him, He enables to become children of God. He changes you. After that change, you become God's child, born of God, not in the normal process of blood or flesh or the will of man, but born of God.

I said earlier when God made the first pair, He ordered them to be fruitful and replenish the earth. They could only bring forth and reproduce themselves. It is therefore important that you have another birth, that you be born of God.

But this is only possible to those certain ones who receive Him. Only believers in the Logos are then made children of God. You can become a child of God if you will receive Him.

Let me go over that again. You must receive Him, Jesus Christ. You must believe in Him, and then He will give you power to become a child of God because you believe in Him.

So the actions of God as expressed in the Logos to bring us into God's family are: He included all men in the potential belief; He influences everyone because He has made man with the capability to come to God; He enables certain ones, those who truly believe in Him. That is why I keep insisting, my friend, that faith will open great doors of understanding and experience to you. But you must take that step of faith in Him.

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