



Sermon Series: The Word of God

Sermon Title: The Living Word of God

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Scripture: John 1: 1-5, 14

Introduction: We've been talking about: Receiving the Word of God, Written Word of God

Today we will focus on the Living Word of God

Who the Bible declares to be the Living Word of God and what that means to us

We're just gonna lift up Jesus today. Is that alright? I believe like the bible says if He be lifted up He will draw all men to Him (John 12:32)

We just want to lift Him up

Two Questions this morning

#1 Who is the Living Word?

#2 What does that mean to me?

Who is the Living Word?

Four Descriptions of the Living Word

#1 Pre-existent One

Read Verse 1&2

This means that the Living Lord Jesus existed long before He was born in a manger in Bethlehem.

We find that teaching all through the Word of God.

We find that in the book of Micah In that great prophecy about where Jesus would be born– Micah 5:2 “But you Bethlehem Ephrathah, Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me the One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, from everlasting.” Long before He was born in Bethlehem.

700 years before Christ Isaiah wrote:

Isaiah 9:6-7, for unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom to order it and establish it with judgment and justice **from that time forward, even forever.**

Zachariah 2:10 Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion! For behold, I am coming and I will dwell in your midst,” says the Lord. I am coming means He existed before He was born. He was Pre-existent

In John 8 (v48 – 58): Jesus said Himself “Before Abraham was I AM”

John 17:5 Jesus tells His father “And now, O Father, glorify Me together with yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was”

John 17:24 Jesus says of His Father “for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.”

Who is this Living Word?

He is the Pre-existent One. He is the Lord Jesus Christ

#2 He is Creator God

Verse 3

Paul said the same thing in Colossians 1: 16-17 “For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist”

I know it's hard to get your arms around this concept. That Jesus was not just the savior but that He is creator also. That Jesus was there at creation, that He was there with creator God.

But I want this morning to show you four elements form Creation from the book of Genes. I want to show you how all four were fulfilled by the Lord Jesus when He walked on this earth.

The First element Creation: involved the act of God bringing into being immediately instantaneous matter that previously did not exist.

In Genesis 1:1 He made something from nothing.

Creation also involved the shaping or combing or transforming of something that existed and making something new. The Bible says that when God created Adam He formed Him from the dust t. When HE created Eve He used Adams rib.

What about Jesus what about Him as Creator.

In His first miracle Jesus turned water into wine. He created into a new form that which previously did not exist.

The two times He fed multitudes with Fishes into loaves; He either multiplied or crated New from nothing.

When He healed, He either transformed or created new cells. He did this instantly.

Why is Jesus the Living word the creator because Just like God He created something from nothing and just like God He was able to create something from something else.

The second element of creation: God was able to part life to lifeless matter

What about Jesus, He gave life to the dead on 3 occasions

1. The widows son
2. Jairus' daughter
3. His friend Lazarus

Just like creator God did Jesus gave life to lifeless matter.

A third element of creation: – God spoke and the word came into being. Genesis 1 says “God spoke” 10 times

What about Jesus

Jesus spoke the command:

- and the sick were healed
- the dead were raised
- demons were departed

Just by Jesus speaking the word

You’ll remember the story of the Centurion’s servant in Matthew 8, the Centurion who came to Jesus and said “Jesus if you just speak a word and my servant will be healed. And Jesus did and it says that same hour the servant was healed.

Just as creator God

The fourth element is God’s Purpose in Creation:

Why did God create this world? His purpose in creation

To display His glory

To make know His power, His wisdom, His will, to lift up His Holy name so that they might receive Glory from His created beings.

What about Jesus?

After His first miracle at the wedding feast in which he turned water into wine the Apostle John says that “This beginning of signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory; and His disciples believed in Him.”

When Jesus found out that Lazarus was sick he stated “This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it.”

Then he said to Martha before raising Lazarus from the dead He was doing this so you would see the glory of God.

In John 20: 30-31 John writes about the miracles of Jesus “and truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name”

I tell you Jesus is Creator God. Not only does scripture affirm it but during His earthly life & ministry He did the very things creator God did and in the very way you'd expect creator God to do them by doing them He displayed His glory, His authority and His power. I tell you Jesus is Creator God!

Who is this Living Word? He is the Pre-existent one; He is the Creator God...

Oh but John doesn't stop there

John say's

#3 He is the Light of the World

Read Verse 4

Some of you have no life. You are walking in death. You are walking in Spiritual darkness. Outside of Jesus you are walking in spiritual darkness you have no hope you have no life and you have no purpose.

Simon & Garfunkel song "Hello Darkness my old Friend"

Many are living in darkness in the pits of hell you're living in fear, you are living in addiction, hopeless

Isaiah 59:9-10 "We look for light, but there is darkness! For brightness, but we walk in blackness! We grope for the wall like the blind, and we grope as if we had no eyes; we stumble at noonday as at twilight; we are as dead men in desolate places"

Somebody here today might be in this state?

Oh but here's the good news Isaiah 60:1 "Arise, shine: for your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you."

Read verse 5

- Light always conquers darkness
- Jesus always conquers the devil
- Jesus always conquers Hell

You may be here today and be in a prison of darkness

Acts 12:7 tells when Peter was in prison. There was darkness in this prison, but it says that a great light shone around that prison and his chains fell off and the light told him to "arise". I don't believe that that light was a what; I believe that light was a who!

Who was that light – I'll tell you who that light was:

- He was the one who's clothing became white as light on the mount of transfiguration. (Mat. 17)

- He's the one that John saw on the Island of Patmos when he declared that His countenance was like the sun shining
- He's the one who said I'm the light of the world in John chapter 8
- He's the one who's coming someday "As the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west (Mat. 24:27)

The light of the World is Jesus there is no other hope – everything else will bring you spiritual darkness.

Don't forget.

Remember one thing too – once you've been pulled out of darkness Jesus said in Matthew Chapter 5. That He wants us to be the light of the world. I want you to tell everybody living in darkness how they can get out of darkness and that you have found the light of the living word of God.

Well this Living Word of God is more than just the Pre-existent one, He is more than Creator God, and He is more than the Light of the world.

John says in verse 14 that this Living Word of God is GOD IN THE FLESH.

#4 God in the Flesh

Read V14

Glory can always be defined as: Visible evidence of the presence of God.

Now this is very important:

The thing that separates true Christianity from all other cult groups is this doctrine and this truth right here.

Is Jesus God In the Flesh? Or is He not?

Was He just a prophet that taught good things?

This is the one truth that separates us from all other groups and all other cults.

Was He/Jesus God in the flesh?

Well instead of taking your Pastors word for it. Let's let the Bible answer that question – all these cult groups try to use the Bible to prove He isn't God in the flesh- why don't we use it to prove He is God in the flesh.

Hang on and Buckle Up!!!!

Revelation 1:7-8 Jesus was the Almighty

John 8:58 Jesus was the I AM

Acts 3:14 Jesus was the Holy One

John 8:24 Jesus was the I AM He

Revelation 22:13 Jesus is the 1st and Last

I Corinthians 10:4 Jesus was the rock

2 Corinthians 11:2 Jesus was the one husband

John 10:16 Jesus was the one Shepard

Luke 1:68 Jesus was the one redeemer

John 1: 3-10 Jesus was the one creator

John 1:49 Jesus was the king of Israel

Acts 4:12 Jesus was the one savior

Revelation 19:16 Jesus was the Lord of Lords

Philippians 2:10 every knee must bow to Jesus

Can I get an AMEN!!!

Genesis 17:1 The Almighty was God

Exodus 3:14 the I AM was God

Isaiah 43:15 The Holy One was God

Isaiah 43:10 The I AM He was God

Isaiah 44:6 The 1st and Last was God

Psalms 18:31 the Rock was God

Jeremiah 31:32 and the one husband
was God

Isaiah 40:11 the one shepherd___30
was God

Isaiah 41:14 the one redeemer was God

Genesis 1:1 the one creator was God

Isaiah 44:6 the king of Israel was God

Isaiah 45:21 the one savior was God

Deuteronomy 10:17 The Lord of Lords
was God

Isaiah 45:23 every knee must bow to
God

We just need to let God's word tell us who he is.

He is the Living Word of God, which became flesh and dwelt among us and died on Calvary's old rugged
cross so that through Him we might have life and we might have hope.

He's my God and my savior and He can be yours too.

What does this mean to me?

Who is this Living Word? He is the Pre-existent one, He is the creator God, and He is the Light of the

World, He is God in the flesh.

If He was, is and always will be the Living Word it requires that I must humble myself before Him repent of my sin and ask Him to save my sin darkened Hell bound soul.

Look at Verse 12.

Received Him=Opening up your door and allowing someone to come into the house but many have kept Him on the porch;

The Living Word wants to:

- come into your heart
- He wants to save you.
- He wants to change you,
- cleanse you
- save your marriage, your homes, your children
- He wants to save you from destruction

He is the Living Word and you can trust Him.

He always was, He always is, and always will be for all eternity.

Pray

Jason,

Here are my Power Point needs for Sunday.

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Thank you,

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