

Becoming a Student of The Word

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Scripture Text: John 1:1-5 NKJV *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. 4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.*

After we have committed our lives to Christ we prayerfully seek to know Him more intimately. Psalms 119:130 NKJV *the entrance of Your words gives light; It gives understanding to the simple.*

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

Here are three observations:

1. The Word (is Jesus) who existed in the beginning. The bible doesn't say that He had a beginning but rather that He was always there in the beginning.
2. The Word was inseparable from God. You could say that it was like an egg for example it has three components the shell, the egg white and the egg yolk inseparable until opened. In order to separate them it requires some kind of force.
3. God is the Word (**JESUS**) and the Word (**JESUS**) is God. He possesses the characteristics of God such as His eternal nature; His identity: His purpose and His mind. John 10:30 NKJV *I and my Father are one.*

You may be asking who created God? God is and always was. He is the beginning and the end (**ALPHA & OMEGA**). He is eternal and we have the opportunity to live eternally in His presence. Oh, that the world would receive His Word!

VERSE 2 *He was in the beginning with God.*

When God spoke the world into existence, it became so. We witness His power, His majesty and His wisdom. The power that brought all things to exist once was not impersonal but rather a living eternal being that always was. Isaiah 55:11 NJKJV *“So shall My WORD be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.”* The opening statement of the says, In the Beginning God created! He spoke the world into existence!

VERSE 3 *All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.*

He is the only personal true and living creator of all things. God has given people the ability to be creative and some have created their own gods to worship. They have deified forces of nature and emotions of men. They have even deified the creatures rather than the creator.

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The creator of all things and all things were made by Him for His Glory. Look at the vast universe that He established and watches over it. Look at the complex structure of a cell. Look at your neighbor and see the handy work of God! He designed these vessels! Praise the Lord everybody!

VERSE 4 *In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.* Genesis 2:7 NKJV **And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.** Jesus declared that He is the Light of the World in John 8:12 NKJV *Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."*

VERSE 5 *And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.*

There has always been the struggle between the Light and darkness since man sinned in the Garden. Jesus came to teach an ignorant, unlearned, and wicked world of the Father's love for them. This has always been the case that man refuses to admit it or receive it.

The only way that anyone will be able to understand the Word of God is for the Holy Spirit to illuminate it. II Corinthians 4:4 NLT **Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don't understand this message about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God.**

You have to prepare your heart and mind to allow the Holy Spirit to open your understanding before you open the Word.

Matthew 11:29-30 NKJV *"Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."*

APPLICATION:

Being a student of the Word enables you to be a person of Light.

Being a student of the Word enables you to provide hope to the hopeless.

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Luke 22:14-20 ¹⁴ **When the hour had come, He sat down, and the twelve apostles with Him. 15 Then He said to them, "With fervent desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; 16 for I say to you, I will no longer eat of it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."**

17 Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; 18 for I say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

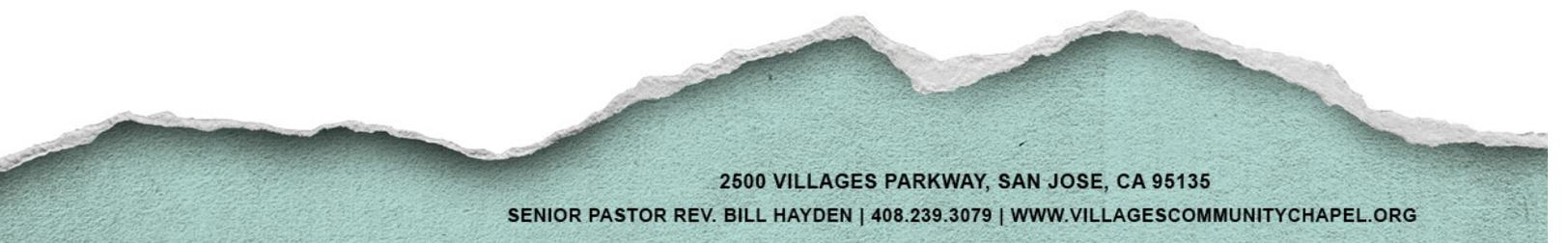
19 And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

20 Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you."

Apostle Paul reminds us of the necessity of self-examination. I Corinthians 11:28-29 NKJV **but let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. 29 For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.**



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