

Crystallization-Study – Gospel of John

An Introductory Word and the Word of God

Two Views Concerning Christ

- The **physical** view
 - The physical view of Christ according to the **synoptic gospels**—Matthew, Mark, and Luke.
- The **mystical** view.
 - According to the **Gospel of John**, we have the **mystical** (not spiritual) view. John is concerning Christ as God.

Three Periods of Christ

- Christ in the **flesh**
 - Christ, the very God in eternity past, **became flesh** and **lived in the flesh** for thirty-three and a half years.
 - This is the stage of **incarnation**.
- Christ as the Spirit
 - In His resurrection He was **transfigured** to be the **life-giving Spirit**.
 - This is the stage of Christ as the Spirit (the **pneumatic Christ**).
 - The pneumatic Christ is the **all-inclusive Spirit**.
- Christ as the seven Spirits.
 - In Revelation, He is the **seven Spirits** (the **sevenfold intensified Spirit**).
 - This is the stage of **intensification**.

The Word of God – The First Crystal in the Gospel of John

- The **Word of God**, the **first crystal** in the Gospel of John, refers to Christ, the only begotten Son of God as the **definition**, **explanation**, and **expression of God**.
- John unveils Christ as the great **I Am**, self-existing and ever-existing.

John 1 Being the Introduction to the Whole Gospel of John

- John 1 refers to Christ in the **five greatest events** in the history of the universe.
 - Reveals **Christ in the creation** of all things in the beginning of time.

- Reveals **Christ in the incarnation** of the invisible God to be a visible man for the **redemption of the lost universe** to bring in the New Testament age.
- Reveals **Christ in His becoming the Lamb** to **take away the sin of the world** (mankind) judicially for the New Testament.
- Reveals **Christ in His becoming the Spirit** for the **transformation of God's redeemed people** into stones for the building of God's house organically for the New Testament.
- Reveals **Christ in His being the heavenly ladder** to **bring heaven to earth and join earth to heaven at Bethel**, the house of God, from His coming back to eternity.
- We can remember these five historical events with five words:
 - Creation
 - Incarnation
 - Lamb
 - Spirit
 - Ladder
- In all of these events, Christ, the **Word of God**, **defines**, **explains**, and **expresses** the invisible God.
 - In His **creation** the invisible things of God have been clearly seen (Rom. 1:20).
 - In His **incarnation**, the Creator has become one of His creatures, bringing God into man, and in His human living He expresses God in the divine attributes through His human virtues.
 - In His **becoming the Lamb** for the redemption of the lost world, Christ speaks to us how God accomplished His redemption judicially through His death as the procedure according to His righteousness.
 - In His **becoming the Spirit** for life-giving and transforming, Christ speaks to us further how God carries out His economy organically by His divine life for His divine purpose according to His heart's desire.
 - In His **being the heavenly ladder** speaks to us how God desires to have a house on the earth constituted with His redeemed and transformed elect, that He may bring heaven to earth and join earth to heaven, to make the two as one for eternity.
 - In addition to all the above, John tells us in Revelation that even in the **warfare for the kingdom of God**, Christ is the Word of God speaking for God's purpose.

(Crystallization-Study of the Gospel of John – Message 1)