

Crystallization-Study – Gospel of John

The Word of God

Two Intrinsic, Central Line of the Five Historical Events in the Introduction to the Gospel of John

- The intrinsic, central line of the five historical events in the introduction to the Gospel of John is like the **trunk** of a big tree.
- **John 1:51** – And He said to him, Truly, truly, I say to you, You shall see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.
 - Shows that Christ, as the **Son of Man** with His humanity, is the **ladder** set up on the earth and leading to heaven, keeping heaven open to earth and joining earth to heaven **for the house of God**, Bethel.

Life in the Word

- John 1 implies a wide span from **eternity past** to **eternity future**.
 - This span is with the five greatest events in the history of the universe, which are the trunk of John 1.
 - On this great trunk there is only **one branch**.
 - **John 1:4** – In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.
 - **In the Word**, who is Christ as the definition, explanation, and expression of God, **is life**.
- In Him, in this trunk, was life, and this **life** was the **light of men**, shining over men.
 - As many as **received** this light, this shining, the trunk (that is, the Word, Christ) would give them life to be the **authority to become the children of God**.
 - On the day of our regeneration we received the **divine life** as our **authority** to become the **children of God**.
- Through these sons, God has a **family**, and this family is the **house of God**, which is the **church**.
 - To God it is a **family**, and to Christ it is His Body, an **organism**.
 - This Body of Christ will consummate the **New Jerusalem** as the eternal **expression and increase of the processed Triune God**, with Christ as the ladder that brings heaven to earth and joins earth to heaven, making heaven and earth one.

The Word, God, and the Spirit Cooperating and Coordinating Together in the Speaking for God

- The **Word**, **God**, and the **Spirit** cooperate and coordinate together in the speaking for God.
 - God has the **Word** to speak for Him, and this Word is **Christ**.
 - When we speak the Word, the living **Spirit** goes along with our speaking.
 - The Spirit accompanies the Word to bring the Word into people.
- Christ as the Word of God spoke for God **by the prophets** through His Spirit.
- In the New Testament Christ as the Word of God was **incarnated to be a man** to express God, that is, to speak God.
 - The **sonship** in God's New Testament economy is not only **individual** but also **corporate**.
 - A son of God should **speak for God everywhere**. As the sons of God, we all need to be those who **speak forth Christ**.
- Today we New Testament believers are God's sons and His prophets.
 - **As a son, you should speak, and as a prophet, you should prophesy.**

Christ as the Word of God in Three Forms

- In the form of a **person** – Christ Himself
 - Christ is a person. This person is the Word, and we are His brothers. We must also **be the word to those around us**.
- The spoken word
 - When He is **prophesied** by the prophets of the Old Testament and **spoken** by Christ with all His brothers as His members, it is the **spoken word**.
- The written word
 - When the spoken word is **written down**, that which can constitute **the Bible** is the written word.
- When the word is **spoken by us** and **received by others**, it becomes **spirit and life**.
 - In this way Christ being the Word of God implies Himself as the Word in the form of a person, the spoken word, and the written word—the Bible.

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