



Go for God!

“BELIEVE THE UNBELIEVABLE!”

John 1:1-13

> (v1) JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD! (Unbelievable! BELIEVE IT!)

- **JESUS is GOD!** - **In the beginning.** In contrast to 1 John 1:1 where John used a similar phrase (“from the beginning”) to refer to the starting point of Jesus’ ministry and gospel preaching, this phrase parallels Genesis 1:1 where the same phrase is used. John used the phrase in an absolute sense to refer to the beginning of the time-space-material universe.

- The verb “**was**” **highlights the eternal pre-existence** of the **Word**, which is Jesus Christ. Before the universe began, **the Second Person of the Trinity always existed**; i.e., He always was (cf. 8:58)!

- This word is used in contrast with the verb “**was made**” or “**were made**” in v. 3, which indicate a beginning in time. Because of John’s theme that **Jesus Christ is the eternal God**, the Second Person of the Trinity, he did not include a **HUMAN** genealogy as **Matthew and Luke** did.

- In terms of Jesus’ humanity, He had a human genealogy; in terms of His **DEITY**, He has no genealogy.¹

- **The WORD (Jesus) was GOD!** – *The term “Word” (Gk. - Logos) speaks of “divine reason,” “mind,” “thought” or even “wisdom.”*

- *C.I. Scofield writes, “Logos” is uniquely suitable because:*

(1) in Him are **embodied all the treasures of the divine wisdom**, the collective thought of God (1 Cor. 1:24; Eph. 3:10-11; Col. 2:2-3);

(2) He is, from eternity, but especially in His incarnation, the **utterance or expression of the Person and thought of Deity** (Jn. 1:3-5,9-14-18; 14:9-11; Col. 2:9). In the Being, Person, and work of Christ, Deity is expressed.

> (v2) JESUS IS ETERNAL! (Unbelievable! BELIEVE IT!)

- **Jesus said in:**

John 8:58 - “Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.”

John 17:5 - And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

John 6:62 - What then if you should see the Son of Man ascend where He was before?

John 3:13 - No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven.

John 6:46-47 - Not that anyone has seen the Father, except He who is from God; He has seen the Father.

¹ John MacArthur Commentary

John 8:14 - *"Even if I bear witness of Myself, My witness is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going; but you do not know where I come from and where I am going.*

John 16:28 - *I came forth from the Father and have come into the world. Again, I leave the world and go to the Father."*

- In the Old Testament:

Isa 41:4- *Who has performed and done it, calling the generations from the beginning? 'I, the LORD, am the first; and with the last I am He.'"*

Isa 44:6- *Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God.*

Compare - Rev 1:11- *Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.*

Rev 1:17- *And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last:*

Rev 22:12-13- *And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.*

> (v3) JESUS is CREATOR! (Unbelievable, BELIEVE IT!)

- GOD's WORD brought the world into being:

Psalms 33:6 - *By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth.*

Psalms 107:20 - *He sent His word and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.*

> (v4) JESUS is LIFE! (Unbelievable! BELIEVE IT!)

- The word LIFE (Gk. – *zoe*) is seen as the source of life, this word is used some 36 times and refers to life “*from above*” (3:3), “*eternal life*” (3:15-16; 20:31), “*abundant life*” (10:10). Not only is the “Word” (Jesus) the source of all “life,” but also the source of all “light.” The first creation of the divine “Word” was “light” (Gen. 1:3). The Psalmist declares, *For with you is the fountain of life: in your light shall we see light* – Ps. 36:9.

> (v5) JESUS is LIGHT! (Unbelievable! BELIEVE IT!)

- In John 8:12 Jesus describes Himself as “the light of the world” (John 8:12).

The **LIGHT** came into this world of darkness and the darkness did not comprehend it, meaning “to grasp” or “to understand,” also means “to overcome.”

In John's gospel we find some who receive the light and many who reject the light. Jesus gave sight (light) to a man blind from birth (Ch. 9); He also brought Lazarus from the tomb of death and darkness (Ch. 11); but one who was close to Him, Judas Iscariot, went out into the night of eternal darkness (13:30).

(v6-9) John the Baptist bears WITNESS of the TRUE LIGHT!

- The word “BELIEVE” - Refers to the faith which a lost sinner must place in the Lord Jesus in order to be saved, they include the following ideas:

- the act of considering the Lord Jesus worthy of trust as to His character and motives,
- the act of placing confidence in His ability to do just what He says He will do,
- the act of entrusting the salvation of his soul into the hands of the Lord Jesus,
- the act of committing the work of saving his soul to the care of the Lord.

This means a definite taking of one's self out of one's own keeping and entrusting one's self into the keeping of the Lord Jesus. (from Wuest's Word Studies from the Greek New Testament.)

- All BELIEVING CHRISTIANS BEAR WITNESS OF THE LIGHT! (How?)

#1 - BY WALKING IN THE LIGHT! – 1 John 1:5-7 - *This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.*

#2 – BY SHINING THE LIGHT! - Matthew 5:14-16 - *"You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. "Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."*

#3 – BY LIVING THE LIGHT! - Ephesians 5:8-11 - *For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them.*

> (v9-13) UNBELIEVER BELIEVE! BECOME BORN OF GOD! (How?)

- Are you a **CHILD OF GOD**? In verse 10 it says that Jesus came to the world, but the world did not “KNOW” Him. Why? The word “know” means that they did not want to know Him, the word know means more than an intellectual response, it speaks of a willful rejection of God, and repudiation of his righteousness,” which Jesus is both.

- RELIGIOUS PEOPLE NEED TO BELIEVE! (John 3:1-15; 19:38-42)

(Christian tradition has it that Nicodemus was baptized by Peter and John, suffered persecution from hostile Jews, lost his membership in the Sanhedrin, and was forced to leave Jerusalem because of his Christian faith.)

- REGULAR PEOPLE NEED TO BELIEVE! (John ch. 4)

- GOD says for you to BELIEVE and RECEIVE:

- A Spiritual HEART! - Ezekiel 36:26 - *I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.*

- Spiritual EYES! - John 3:3 - *Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."*

- A Spiritual CREATION! - 2 Corinthians 5:17 - *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.*

- A Spiritual REGENERATION! - Titus 3:5-6 - *not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior,*

- Spiritual LOVE! - I John 5:1 - *Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of Him*

- JESUS CHRIST AND ETERNAL LIFE! - John 3:16 - *For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.*

**BELIEVE ON THE
LORD JESUS CHRIST
AND YOU WILL BE SAVED!
(Acts 16:31)**