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Unit II: The Word: The Agent of Creation

Subject: The Reason for It All

Text: John 1: 1 - 14

Key Verse: “All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made (John 1: 3, KJV).”

Lesson Pointers:

- 1) **The Word: The Creator (John 1: 1 – 5)**
- 2) **The Word: A Witness’s Testimony (John 1: 6 – 8)**
- 3) **The Word: The True Light (John 1: 9 – 14)**

Lesson Introduction:

Humankind have pondered over the origin of the universe and life on this planet as we know it and have attempted to explain it with diverse theories. But to this date, our explanations offer no definite proof of any of these theories. The only thing that these theories have in common is the rejection of the Bible’s declaration of the real origin of the universe, earth, and humankind. The Bible tells us that the universe did not just happen but through the sovereign power identifying HIMSELF as Elohim, GOD Almighty, created everything. The Bible also, gives us the answer to humankind’s fundamental question about creation: When was the universe created? Who created the universe? And what was, made and how it was, made? In Genesis 1: 1 it says, “In the beginning GOD created the heaven and the earth.” And in Genesis 1: 2 it says, “And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of GOD moved upon the face of the waters.” The Word of GOD also tells us that GOD the Son was an active agent in the creation of the universe (Read John 1: 1 – 3: Colossians 1: 16; Hebrews 1: 2).

Lesson Pointer # 1

- **The Word: The Creator (John 1: 1 – 5)**

Here we see undeniable proof that Jesus Christ is both GOD’S Son, and a co-agent in the creation of the universe. In the beginning expresses Jesus Christ’s eternalness and preexistence. When the heavens and earth were, created Jesus Christ already existed. John used the Word (logos) to describe Jesus Christ eternal nature. To the Greeks it referred to world reason and to the Jews wisdom was, personified as a person. So, John tells us that Jesus Christ, the Word, is both a message and a person that existed from the beginning (John 1: 1). John also, tells us that Jesus Christ had an intimate fellowship with GOD while also having all the attributes of GOD (John 1: 2). Jesus Christ divinity and creative power as GOD the Father’s agent of Creation (John 1: 3). Jesus Christ the Word is the source of physical and spiritual life; John also, says that the Word (Jesus Christ) is the light of humankind and the source of truth and knowledge of GOD (John 1: 4). Jesus Christ is the light that continues to shine and offers eternal life to all who will receive it (John 1: 5). The only way to receive eternal life is to believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of GOD, the Light of the World, as believers this is our responsibility to proclaim.

Lesson Pointer # 2

- **The Word: A Witness's Testimony (John 1: 6 – 8)**

Now some Jews, accepted John the Baptist as a true prophet and accepted his witness regarding Jesus Christ as the Messiah. John tells us that John the Baptist was a man sent from GOD (John 1: 6). John the Baptist purpose was to witness about the Messiah, Jesus Christ and to be the agent who points others to Jesus Christ for salvation (John 1: 7). John the Baptist testimony was to proclaim faith in Jesus Christ as the Savior of the world and not to puff himself up or exalt himself (John 1: 8). John the Baptist know as the forerunner of Jesus Christ, John the Baptist understood and accepted his role, and purpose, and did not call attention to himself.

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Lesson Pointer # 3

- **The Word: The True Light (John 1: 9 – 14)**

John the Baptist the forerunner of Jesus Christ tells us that Jesus Christ is the True Light that lightheth ever man that cometh into the world, this message of Jesus Christ leaves humankind without any excuse (John 1: 9). Therefore, rather, we receive or refuse Jesus Christ we are accountable to HIS light. Sadly, Jesus Christ the Light of the world came into the world that HE made, and humankind did not recognize HIM (John 1: 10). John the Baptist tells us that the Jews (GOD'S called people) nor the unbelieving Gentile nation did not recognize Jesus Christ as the Messiah. Jesus Christ came unto HIS own and HIS own and HIS own received HIM not (John 1: 11). It is heartbreaking to know that the Jews who had the scripture which predicted Jesus Christ coming, but they chose, instead, to reject HIM when HE came. John the Baptist now, turns his attention from Jesus Christ's rejection to those who accepted Jesus Christ by saying those who chooses to believe and receive Jesus Christ are, given the right to become children of GOD'S (John 1: 12). The birth to become children of GOD'S is not of human decision or ethnicity but of a supernatural birth (John 1: 13). The privilege to become GOD'S children was, made possible when the WORD (Jesus Christ) took on humanity and chose to live among us. Showing that HE (Jesus Christ) was the visible and spiritual manifestation of the glory of GOD'S love, and faithfulness (John 1: 14). Jesus Christ the Son of GOD is the reason for it all; rejected and despised, Jesus Christ the LIGHT of the World chose to live among us, and to give HIS life to make reconciliation to GOD the Father possible.

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Lesson Nuggets

- 1) **The WORD (Jesus Christ) is the source of physical and spiritual life (John 1: 4; 1 John 5: 20).**
- 2) **Remember that we are to witness Jesus Christ and not ourselves (John 1: 8).**
- 3) **We become children of GOD not by the will of the flesh nor by the will of man but of GOD (John 1: 13; 1 Peter 1: 23).**
- 4) **Remember that the WORD (Jesus Christ) was, made flesh and dwelt among us (John 1: 14; Luke 1: 31).**

