

Sunday School Lesson – Tuesday, June 28 & Sunday, July 3rd, 2022  
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**Summer Quarter's Theme: "Partners in a New Creation"** (June, July, August)

- The *Death, Burial and Resurrection* of **JESUS CHRIST our LORD**, opens the door to a "New Creation (**GOD-Act**)," "New Life," "New World."  
"What this means is that those who become **CHRISTIANS** become *new* persons. They are not the same anymore, for the old life is gone. A *new* life has begun."  
(2 Corinthians 5: 17--NLT)

Lessons will focus on, *how* we as members of **CHRIST'S BODY (The CHURCH)** have the *privilege*, the *grand opportunity*, the *COMmission* with **The Ever-Abiding SPIRIT of GOD**, in *reconciling* (*re-storing* relationship(s), *re-creating* (not a makeover, but making 'new') all things in **The Eternal Reign (Rule) of GOD**.

**Unit 2 theme, "The WORD: The Agent of Creation."** 5 lessons from John's account of **The Gospel.**

[These lessons will stress how **The Creating WORD**, is at work in and with humanity, became flesh, healed the sick, saved the lost, resurrected the dead, and granted—through **The HOLY SPIRIT**—peace.]

**Lesson Subject:** "The Reason for it All"

**SCRIPTURE Lesson Text:** John 1: 1-14

Key Words...

- **The WORD** (vs. 1) "**LOGOS**", is *The Name or Title* of **JESUS CHRIST**, seen as **The Pre-Existent Second Person of The Trinity**. In a broader concept—**The Bible**.
- **Rhema**, means an "utterance" or "thing said" ... the action of utterance. It focuses on "**The Written WORD of GOD**." Example, Ephesians 6: 17, "And take the helmet of salvation, and **The Sword of The SPIRIT**, which is **The WORD of GOD**." Point, *commit The Bible* to memory, having a **rhema** in your mind that **The SPIRIT** can remind us of, to defeat the attacks of the Devil.

Introduction...

The theme of John's Gospel is that **JESUS is The SON of GOD** (20: 30-31), and in this first chapter, John points out this claim. You cannot but see that **CHRIST, The Promised MESSIAH, is GOD'S only begotten** (*monogenes, mon-og-en-ace, unique, one of a kind, one and only*), because of **The Names HE bears**; *The Works HE performs*, and *The Witnesses who knew HIM* personally.

Lesson Analysis and Topic Discussions...

- 1. The WORD: The Creator** (John 1: 1-3, 14) Just as 'speech' reveals our hidden thoughts, so does **The WORD, our LORD, JESUS CHRIST**, utters the unseen **GOD, our Creator**. (Genesis 1: 1)  
-- "And **GOD said**..." Genesis 1: 3a, 6a, 9a, 14a... **GOD spake** and it was done. **HIS—WORD** preceded the act(s) of creation—but **CHRIST** was **The WORD** or utterance of **GOD**.

--**HE WHO** created *time* preceded *time*, and that which is before *time* is 'Eternal' to continue life after death and 'Divine', relating to GOD.

--**CHRIST** is the '*organ*' [agency, mouthpiece] or *mediator* [go-between, medium, middleman] by which **GOD** goes forth in creation. *Providence* and *Redemption*--**REDEEMER**.

--Note, the words "*was made*" is translated, "*became*." Point: **JESUS** existed before his '*becoming*.' And there was a process of '*SELF-illumination*.' "*Dwelt*" means '*tabernacled*.' [as The *Shekinah Light* was veiled by the curtain of The Tabernacle, so *The Divine* essence in **JESUS** was veiled by **HIS humanity**. "**HE** was full of **GRACE**," – *The Unmerited LOVE of GOD*; "**Full of TRUTH**," – "coming to bear witness to it; "**HE** was **full of Glory**," – "that of *the only begotten SON*. There are many "*sons*," but only **ONE SON**.

[Read John 14: 9— "**HE** that hath seen **ME** hath seen **The FATHER**"; Read Revelation 1: 11, "**I AM ALPHA and OMEGA, The First and The Last...**" The Greek *alphabets* **WHO** spell out **GOD'S LOVE** to us! Point: if men do not receive **HIM** this same **WORD** will come in wrath and judgment.

Read Revelation 19: 11-13. **The Bible is The Written WORD of GOD**, and **CHRIST is The Living, Incarnate WORD of GOD**. (Read Matthew 1: 23)

## **2. The WORD: A Witness's Testimony** (John 1: 5-13)

**GOD'S** first creative act in Creation was '**Light**' (Genesis 1: 2a, b, 3). *Life* comes from **Light**.

**JESUS is The True LIGHT**, that is, **The ORIGINAL LIGHT** from which all **Light** has its source.

John's Gospel points out the conflict between **LIGHT—GOD**, *Eternal Life* and *Darkness* (Satan, *Eternal Death*). Vs. 5, "And **the light** shineth (present tense) in darkness, and the darkness has not been able to put it out or lay hold of it (**HIM**). Read II Corinthians 4: 3-6, it pictures salvation as the entrance of light into the dark heart of the sinner.

Point: When we receive **CHRIST'S Life**, we shine.

V. 6, Men are still sent from **GOD**, as John was, to bear witness to **JESUS**; but there is also a witness to **HIM** in the breast of man. We call it "*conscience*," or the inner light. The blinded world knew **HIM not**. (John 9, the man born blind) Point: Believing and receiving are twins. Let **CHRIST** in, and you have instantly the right to call yourself a **Child of GOD**. (Galatians 3: 26) Only **GOD** can impart to us the germ of that Life, which we share with **The SON HIMSELF**. (James 1: 18)

Nuggets...

- "Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by **The WORD of GOD**, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear." (Hebrews 11: 3)
- The world *influences* us (our children) people to believe in fictional characters [Santa Claus; Bunny rabbits with eggs...] But **The WORD of GOD** gives us **JESUS—GOD WHO** came to us and **GOD WHO** leads us back to **HIMSELF**.
- One major theme in John's Gospel is the conflict between "*faith*" and "*unbelief*." **JESUS is The WAY**, but there are those who will not walk with **HIM**; **JESUS is The TRUTH**, but there are those who will not believe **HIM**; **JESUS is The LIFE**, but they killed **HIM**!