

Part 2 The Logos and His Mission



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God created everything through him, and nothing was created except through him.



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He came into the very world he created, but the world didn't recognize him.



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Logos Defined

The *Logos* is God's Spoken Word, which speaks into existence the immanent power of God. The Logos not only creates life, but He designs it with His purpose, He shapes it, and He fills it with meaning. The *Logos* is God.







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Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

Then God said, "Let the waters beneath the sky flow together into one place, so dry ground may appear."

Then God said, "Let the earth produce every sort of animal, each producing offspring of the same kind—livestock, small animals that scurry along the ground, and wild animals." And that is what happened.

Genesis 1:26a

Then God said, "Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us.

So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.



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The earth was formless and empty, and darkness covered the deep waters. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters.

Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

And God saw that the light was good. Then he separated the light from the darkness.
Genesis 1:5 God called the light "day" and the darkness "night."

Genesis 1:14

Then God said, "Let lights appear in the sky to separate the day from the night. Let them be signs to mark the seasons, days, and years.

Genesis 1:15

Let these lights in the sky shine down on the earth." And that is what happened.

Genesis 1:17 God set these lights in the sky to light the earth,

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to govern the day and night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good.



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Colossians 1:15 Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation, for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms

Colossians 1:16

and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can't see— such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through him and for him.

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He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together.

Colossians 1:18 Christ is also the head of the church, which is his body. He is the beginning, supreme over all who rise from the dead. So he is first in everything.

Colossians 1:19 For God in all his fullness was pleased to live in Christ,

Colossians 1:20

and through him God reconciled everything to himself. He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ's blood on the cross.

Colossians 1:21

This includes you who were once far away from God. You were his enemies, separated from him by your evil thoughts and actions.

Colossians 1:22a Yet now he has reconciled you to himself through the death of Christ in his physical body.

Colossians 1:22b

As a result, he has brought you into his own presence, and you are holy and blameless as you stand before him without a single fault.

Colossians 1:23a But you must continue to believe this truth and stand firmly in it. Don't drift away from the assurance you received when you heard the Good News.



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Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.

If you had really known me, you would know who my Father is. From now on, you do know him and have seen him!"

Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied."

Jesus replied, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and yet you still don't know who I am? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father! So why are you asking me to show him to you?

Don't you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I speak are not my own, but my Father who lives in me does his work through me.

Just believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me. Or at least believe because of the work you have seen me do.



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John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

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For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

"World" [kosmos] Defined

- John's Gospel 72 Times
- John's Letters 24 Times
- Context of kosmos: the allencompassing realm of humanity that inhabits this planet and embraces darkness habitually

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Judaism rarely spoke of God's love for anyone outside of themselves or for anyone beyond the limits of their race and nation, let alone for "sinners" or their enemies.

The idea that God can love "the world," which means all of humanity, regardless of how wicked, evil, or lost it is, and that God's love extends beyond any limits of race, nation, gender, or status is a uniquely God breathed revelation of the Logos.

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2 Corinthians 5:21

For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.



You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins.



He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross.

Take a moment to imagine in your mind, the person or persons you love the most in this world.

Now imagine the person or persons you dislike/hate the most in this world.

Would you be willing to sacrifice the person you love the most in this world for the person you hate the most in this world, especially if they don't deserve it? Especially if they won't even be thankful?

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Anyone can be saved by God's grace, through their faith in Jesus Christ, because of the perfect and divine love, faith, mercy, grace, and forgiveness that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, has offered to anyone and everyone.

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