

Believe
John 1:1-18

I. God was in the beginning John 1:1-5

A. The word existed in the beginning (1,2)

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God.

B. The word was the Creator (3)

3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

C. The word in humanity (4,5)

4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

II. God introduced as the true light John 1:6-13,15

A. John bearing witness of God (6-8,15)

6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. 8 He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. ...15 John bore witness of Him and cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me is preferred before me, for He was before me.'

B. Born without excuse (9-11)

9 That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. 11 He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.

C. Born of God (12,13)

12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: 13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

III. God became flesh for our sake John 1:14-18

A. The presence of God in the flesh (14)

14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

B. The purpose of God in the flesh (15-18)

15 John bore witness of Him and cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me is preferred before me, for He was before me.' "16 And of His fullness we

have all received, and grace for grace. 17 For the law was given through Moses, *but* grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 18 No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared *Him*.

Conclusion

1. We have a God who is eternal.
2. We have a God who gives the light of life to everyone.
3. We have a God full of grace and truth.