

# John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the **Word**, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. (**Word & Oneness of God**)

Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

In him was life and that life was the light of men. The **light** shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.

There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John. He came as a **witness to testify concerning that light**,

**so that through him all men might believe.**

He himself was not the light; he came only as a **witness to the light**.

The true light that gives **light** to every man was coming into the world.

He was in the world and though **the world was made through him**, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God- children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

The **Word** became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. (**Word & Oneness of God**)

# Ephesians 2:11-14

<sup>2:11</sup> Therefore remember then that **you the Gentiles** in the flesh, the ones called ‘uncircumcised’ by **those called ‘circumcised’** which is made in the flesh by hands,

<sup>12</sup> that you were once **separated** from Christ, **alienated** from the citizenship of Israel, **strangers** to the covenants of promise

having **no hope** and **without God** in the world.

<sup>13</sup> But now in Christ Jesus you who were once **afar off** have been brought **near** by the blood of Christ.

<sup>14</sup> For he is our **peace**, who has made the **two one** and has destroyed the dividing wall of **hostility** in his body

**<sup>15</sup> by abolishing the law of commandments and ordinances that of the two he might create in himself one new humanity**

so making **peace**, <sup>16</sup> reconciling the **two in one** body to God through the cross bringing the **hostility** to an end in it.

<sup>17</sup> And he came and preached peace to you who were **far off** and peace to those who were **near**

<sup>18</sup> for through him **we both have access** in one Spirit to the Father.

<sup>19</sup> So then you are no longer **strangers** and **sojourners** but you are **fellow citizens** with the saints and members of the household of God

<sup>20</sup> having been built upon the **foundation of the apostles and prophets** (Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone <sup>21</sup> in whom the whole structure is joined together) and growing into a holy temple in the Lord

<sup>22</sup> into which **you are also** built for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

# Luke 15:11-32

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| 1. There was a man who had two sons and the younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of property that falls to me." And he divided his living between them. | A son is lost                                |
| 2. Not many days later the younger son sold all he had, journeyed to a far country and wasted his property in loose living.   | Goods wasted in loose living                 |
| 3. And when he had spent everything a great famine arose in that country and he began to be in want.  | Everything lost                              |
| 4. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country and he sent him to his fields to feed pigs.   | Clings to a stranger<br>Total rejection      |
| 5. And he would gladly have eaten the pods which the pigs ate and no one gave him anything.   |  |
| <b>6. But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's servants have bread to spare but I perish here with hunger.</b>   | <b>Self-recognition 1<br/>I am perishing</b> |
| <b>6. I will arise and go to my father and say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you and am no more worthy to be called your son; make me a servant.'"</b> | <b>Self-recognition 2<br/>I have sinned</b>  |
| 5'. And he arose and came to his father. and while he was at a great distance his father saw him and had compassion and ran and embraced him and kissed him.                      | Total acceptance                             |
| 4'. And the son said to the father, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you and am no more worthy to be called your son."  | Clings to his father                         |
| 3' And the father said to the servants, "Bring the best robe and put it on him and put a ring on his hands and shoes on his feet.   | Everything restored                          |
| 2'. And bring the fatted calf and kill it and let us eat and make merry   | Goods used in celebration                    |
| 1'. for this son of mine was dead and is alive, he was lost and is found." And they began to make merry.  | A son is found                               |

# John 21:1-14

1Afterward Jesus **appeared** again **to his disciples**, by the Sea of Tiberias. It happened this way: 2Simon Peter, Thomas (called Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. 3"I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat,

but that night they caught **nothing**.

4 Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples **did not realize that it was Jesus**.

5 **He called out to them**, "Friends, haven't you any fish?"

"No," they answered.

6He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the **net** in because of the **large number of fish**.

**7Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord," he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. 8The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. 9When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.**

10 Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught."

11Simon Peter climbed aboard and dragged the net ashore. It was **full of large fish, 153**, but even with so many the **net** was not torn.

12 **Jesus said to them**, "Come and have breakfast."

None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They **knew it was the Lord**.

13Jesus came, took the **bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish**.

14This was now the third time Jesus **appeared to his disciples** after he was raised from the dead.

# Romans 5:12-21

12 Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned—

Enter: sin & death

13 To be sure, sin was in the world before the **law was given**, but sin is not charged against anyone's account where there is no law.

Law given

14 Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who is a pattern of the one to come.

One man sins: all sin

15 But the gift is not like the **trespass**. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the **grace of the one man**, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many!

Once righteous act  
Justifies all

16 Nor can the gift of God be compared with the result of one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but **the gift** followed many trespasses and brought justification.

**Gift of justification**

17 For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the **gift of righteousness** reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!

**Gift of righteousness**

18 Consequently, just as one **trespass** resulted in condemnation for all people, so also **one righteous act** resulted in justification and life for all.

One righteous act  
Justifies all

19 For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

One man is righteous:  
all righteous

20 The **law was brought in** so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more,

Law given

21 so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Enter: grace & life

# Luke 18:18-30

18 A certain ruler asked him, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit <b>eternal life</b> ?"	19 "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good—except God alone.	Question: how to get eternal life
20 You know the commandments: 'You shall not commit adultery, you shall not murder, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, honor your father and mother.' "		Obedience
21 "All these I have kept since I was a boy," he said.		Humanly possible
22 When Jesus heard this, he said to him, "You still lack one thing. Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."		How to be saved
23 When he heard this, he became very sad, because he was very wealthy.		Following Jesus difficult for rich man
<b>24 Jesus looked at him and said, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!</b>		
25 Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for the rich to enter the kingdom of God."		Following Jesus difficult for the rich
26 Those who heard this asked, "Who then can be saved?"		Who can be saved?
27 Jesus replied, "What is impossible with human beings is possible with God."		Humanly impossible
28 Peter said to him, "We have left all we had to follow you!"		Obedience
29 "Truly I tell you," Jesus said to them, "no one who has left home or wife or brothers or sisters or parents or children for the sake of the kingdom of God 30 will fail to receive many times as much in this age, and in the age to come <b>eternal life</b> ."		Answer: how to get eternal life

# 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

18For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 19For it is written: "I will destroy the **wisdom of the wise**; the **intelligence of the intelligent** I will frustrate."

Wisdom of men

20Where is the wise man? Where is the scholar? Where is the philosopher of this age?

Credentials that  
Matter to the world

Has not God made **foolish the wisdom of the world**? 21For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe.

Foolish wisdom of  
the world

22Jews demand miraculous signs and Greeks look for wisdom,

Credentials that matter  
To people

**23but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, 24but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.**

**Christ is the power  
and wisdom of God**

**25For the foolishness of God is wiser than man's wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than man's strength.**

**God's wisdom and  
strength**

26Brothers, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth.

Credentials that matter  
To people

27But God chose the **foolish things of the world** to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong.

Foolish things  
In the world

28He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, 29so that no one may boast before him.

No credentials matter  
To God

30It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us **wisdom from God**—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. 31Therefore, as it is written: "Let him who boasts boast in the Lord."

Wisdom of God