

The Living Word

Scripture reading: John 1:1-14

The first phrase of John 1:1 tells us that God was before the beginning, since at the beginning “He was.” He Who has no beginning must have been before the beginning. This phrase, “In the beginning,” must mean, “in the beginning of our world and our realm,” since that which has a beginning must also have an end.

The Word of God transcends time and space and distance. We who walk by the Word need to constantly remind ourselves that we are dealing with a God who is outside of time and space and that His Word is timeless and unrestricted.

The Gospel of John tells us in the very first chapter that “The Word” was God and that it was the same God who manifested Himself in flesh as the baby of Bethlehem, whom we know as Jesus Christ, our Lord. He was the LOGOS. This same Christ, or Yeshua, was the living, walking, talking Word of God. This means that God, the Almighty Father, had visited us in a flesh and blood form, lived and dwelled among us, and through His Blood we, too, will be made to become the Word of God as the apostle Paul said, *Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men* (II Corinthians 3:2). Thus Christ Jesus, the Living Word, is bringing many sons to glory (Romans 8:29-30) and this must take place in our time.

The Greek word used in John 1 is *logos*, which literally means *something said*. Something said by God became a person. In Genesis we understand that God breathed upon a lump of clay, issued forth a part of Himself, and the clay became that which He had purposed – man, the First Adam.

Again, He issued forth His life into Mary and she brought forth a son – Jesus Christ, our Lord. Thus, we had a flesh and blood man who is God also – The Living Word. God’s word cannot die and although Jesus, the son of Mary, died, the Christ raised Him up from among the dead and we have proof that He is alive. Let me say directly and categorically that the living, walking, talking Jesus Christ is in our midst and He is working with us until we have the final victory over the human part of us, until we are changed into that which is Divine. The apostle Peter describes it in II Peter 1:4 thus, *Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.*

We, therefore, see that the same Christ which was in Jesus is coming in us in order to make us like Him so that where He was we will be until we come to where He now is. If this is confusing to you, then I hope an explanation will not be more confusing.

In John 14:2-3 Jesus speaks of mansions and then He says a peculiar thing, “*where I am, there ye may be also.*” Many interpret this to mean that where He is now at the right hand of the Father, we will be. But this was not what He said or meant. He said that where He was at that moment, being the light of the world and the hope of mankind, that He was about to vacate that position and that we would be in that position. Truly, in the future we will reign and rule with Him, which is described as the right hand of the Father, but for now, we should be content to be in His place in the Earth. He was the light of the world; we are now the light of the world and that city set on a hill that cannot be hid.

Please do not be confused by the word *mansions* used by our Lord in John 14. He speaks of dwelling places in God, us abiding eternally in Christ, and Christ in God.

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Thought for today: It is God’s plan to make us like Jesus so that we would fill the place He vacated in this Earth – to be the light of the world. Then one day, we will rule and reign with Him.