

The Gospel of John

Week Two

The Prologue to the 4th Gospel (1.1-18)

1. Introduction

- All information, study notes and related material can be found on the internet at <http://www.rtrc.net/biblestudy/john/john.htm>
- Course Syllabus
- Weekly Outlines (notebook)
- Discussion Forum: <http://www.rtrc.net/forum/> [go to the forum marked “Bible Studies”]

2. Review: Purpose of the 4th Gospel (20.30-31)

3. The Christology of the Prologue

- The Son of God’s Nature: His Divinity (1.1-2, 9, 15)

Introduction

- Three Statements
 - “In the beginning was the Word...” –
 - “...and the Word was with God” -- could be translated “and the Word was faced towards God” indicating an intimate relationship with God –
 - “and the Word was God” –
- Introductory Comments on the Divinity of Christ
 - Consider the Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 8.2
- Aspects of His Divinity
 - The “logos” –
 - Christ here is properly called the “Word”. Consider Hebrews 1.1-3
 - The “true light” –
 - The “Creator” –

- The Son of God's Nature: His Humanity (1.14-18)

Introductory Remarks

- Aspects of His humanity
 - He “dwelt among us” (1.14a) –
 - “full of grace and truth” (1.14b; 16-17) –
 - He reveals/explains the Father (1.18) –
- The Son of God's Mission (1.6-13)
 - John the Baptist (1.6-8) –
 - The Mission – The Atonement:
 - Definition:
 - The Response (1.10-13) –
- Concluding Remarks and Application
 - To believe on Christ means far more than mere mental assent. It requires and demands a life that actually does what He says. Luke 6.46-49
 - Our understanding of our Lord and His Mission should further our desire to serve Him with our whole hearts. It was in His humiliation that we get a glimpse of the love that the Father has for us in that He sent His beloved Son to atone for our sin – an atonement that we could never earn. Ephesians 2.4-5, 8-9