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**Word**

John 1:14-16 And the Word was made 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. 15 John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, this was he of whom I spoke, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me. 16 And of his fullness have all we received, and grace for grace. (KJV)

John the Baptist was born before Jesus of Nazareth, yet he made a statement that confused those around him, saying, “he was before me”. In order to understand and rightly divide the Word, we need to know who it is that was before him.

John 1:1-3 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 The same was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made. (KJV)

In fact this Word is what brought John the Baptist into existence, the Word that was with God even before the foundation of the world. Without this Word nothing is made and that includes you the believer.

I John 5:7-9 For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. 8 And there are three that bear witness in earth, the spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one. 9 If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son. (KJV)

Now some see that the Word was God so they swear up and down that Jesus then had to be God. However, the Bible is very specific to point out the simple fact that the Word is a vital part of the God head, along with God and the Holy Spirit and that these three work in unison. You will need to hear firsthand the witness of God if you truly desire to receive His eternal inheritance which is only revealed through the Holy Spirit.

2 Corinthians 5:18-19 And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; 19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. (KJV)

God is in Christ, so if Christ is in you then God is there also. Now that doesn’t mean you are God anymore than it meant Jesus of Nazareth was. It means that Jesus allowed the Spirit of Christ to have more of an influence on Him than the carnal mind. What would your life be like if you followed suit?

1 Timothy 3:16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory. (KJV)

The mystery of godliness is revealed to us throughout the New Testament and seen clearly by those that look beyond the realm of the flesh and into the Spirit for the answer. God’s Word was manifest in the flesh of Jesus of Nazareth who found justification through the Spirit of Christ working within Him. You have access to this same God who would like to manifest Himself through you; now the question is, will you allow Him?

God bless dearly loved and have a prosperous day in Christ Jesus our Lord.