

## Jesus Christ: “The Word”

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**“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God” (Jn. 1:1).** *Logos* is the Greek word translated “Word” in John 1:1. Why did the Holy Spirit reveal Jesus as “the Word”? Since He is also Creator (Jn. 1:3) could He not have referred to Jesus as “the Act”?

“Word” (*logos*) “is, first of all, a *collecting* or *collection* both of things in the mind, and of words by which they are expressed. It therefore signifies both the *outward form* by which the inward thought is expressed, and the *inward thought* itself, the Latin *oratio* and *ratio*: compare the Italian *ragionare*, ‘to think’ and ‘to speak.’” (Vincent, *Word Studies in the NT*, II:25). To put it simply, “word” suggests both the thought and the expression of it. Jesus Christ is **the Final Word** of God (see Jude 3; Jn. 12:48; Matt. 24:35).

As “the Word,” Jesus is both **revelation** and **expression**. He is God expressing Himself in His fullest and best form. Did Jesus not say to Philip, “He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, ‘Show us the Father?’” (Jn. 14:9). John goes on to write in his prologue, “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” (Jn. 1:14). So to see Jesus as the revelation of the Father, is to see One full of **grace** and **truth**.

Do you want to be saved by the **grace** of God? Then learn “the Word of His grace” (Acts 20:32) which will build you up and give you an eternal inheritance. This grace has appeared to all men, teaching us to **deny** ungodliness and worldly lusts, and **live** soberly, righteously and godly in this present world (Titus 2:11-12).

Would you have the *light* of eternal life? Then turn the pages of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, whose “Word” is the way, the truth, and the life (Jn. 14:6)!

You see, dear reader, Jesus as “the Word” is God *expressing* Himself. Jesus is God’s *Divine Communication* to us today — and the **final** one at that (Heb. 1:1-2)! If we turn away from the Word, then there is no more sacrifice for sins (Heb. 10:26). There is only eternal judgment to face, *unprepared* before God (Heb. 10:27)!

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