

Alpha and Omega

John 1:1-14; 3:16-21

The horrible news

Because of Adam's original sin, paradise has been lost.

- Sin and death entered the world along with sin's consequences.
- The worst consequence of our sin is separation from God.

The good news

Even though we've sinned, God hasn't abandoned us.

- God promised a Savior to rescue us.
 - Genesis 3:15
- Despite man's sin, God's desire to be with us never waned.

The Word

Jesus is the WORD.

- John 1:1-2
- Genesis 1:1-3 God said>>>Let there be _____
- Jesus was and is God.
- Jesus was before the beginning.
- Jesus made all things.
 - John 1:3, Colossians 1:16-17
- Jesus is life and light.
 - John 1:4, John 14:6, John 10:10, John 8:12

Rejection of the Word

The world rejected Jesus because it preferred sin and darkness.

- John 1:10-11
- John 3:19-21

The Good News of the Gospel

Not everyone rejected Jesus.

- John 1:12-13
- Those who receive and believe in Jesus become children of God.

We must be born again to see God's Kingdom. Have you been born again: yes or no or not sure? Do you want to be sure _____?

- John 3:3
- The Kingdom of God is God's spiritual kingdom here and now and in eternity.
- To be born "again" is to be born "from above", a spiritual new creation born of God.
- We're born again by receiving the truth and believing in Jesus.
 - John 3:16-17, John 1:14, John 1:18
- Jesus tabernacled with us to make God known.
 - Hebrews 1:3 Jesus the Word paid our sin price on the cross
- Jesus came to earth to save us, to give life to the dead.
 - Luke 19:10 Jesus came to seek and save the lost
 - Mark 10:45 He came to serve and to give His life as ransom for _____.
 - John 3:16 God so _____
- Because He loves us, God wants us to be with Him now and for eternity.

Action Steps

- Are you still trying to be God in our own life or letting Satan be God in your life? How is that going for you?
- _____
- If you desire to become a Christian, speak with someone this week about placing your faith in Jesus and being born again.
- Share the good news of the gospel with someone this week.

John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. **NIV**

AMPC In the beginning [before all-time] was the Word ^(a)Christ, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God ^(b)Himself.² He was present originally with God.³ All things were made *and* came into existence through Him; and without Him was not even one thing made that has come into being.⁴ In Him was Life, and the Life was the Light of men.⁵ And the Light shines on in the darkness, for the darkness has never overpowered it [put it out or absorbed it or appropriated it, and is unreceptive to it]....⁹ There it was—the true Light [was then] coming into the world [the genuine, perfect, steadfast Light] that illumines every person.¹⁰ He came into the world, and though the world was made through Him, the world did not recognize Him [did not know Him].¹¹ He came to that which belonged to Him [to His own—His domain, creation, things, world], and they who were His own did not receive Him *and* did not welcome Him.¹² But to as many as did receive *and* welcome Him, He gave the authority (power, privilege, right) to become the children of God, that is, to those who believe in (adhere to, trust in, and rely on) His name—....¹⁴ And the Word (Christ) became flesh (human, incarnate) and tabernacled (fixed His tent of flesh, lived awhile) among us; and we [actually] saw His glory (His honor, His majesty), such glory as an only begotten son receives from his father, full of grace (favor, loving-kindness) and truth.....

John 3:16 For God so greatly loved *and* dearly prized the world that He [even] gave up His only begotten ^(a)unique Son, so that whoever believes in (trusts in, clings to, relies on) Him shall not perish (come to destruction, be lost) but have eternal (everlasting) life.¹⁷ For God did not send the Son into the world in order to judge (to reject, to condemn, to pass sentence on) the world, but that the world might find salvation *and* be made safe *and* sound through Him.¹⁸ He who believes in Him [who clings to, trusts in, relies on Him] is not judged [he who trusts in Him never comes up for judgment; for him there is no rejection, no condemnation—he incurs no damnation]; but he who does not believe (cleave to, rely on, trust in Him) is judged already [he has

already been convicted and has already received his sentence] because he has not believed in *and* trusted in the name of the only begotten Son of God. [He is condemned for refusing to let his trust rest in Christ's name.]¹⁹ The [basis of the] judgment (indictment, the test by which men are judged, the ground for the sentence) lies in this: the Light has come into the world, and people have loved the darkness rather than *and* more than the Light, for their works (deeds) were evil.²⁰ For every wrongdoer hates (loathes, detests) the Light, and will not come out into the Light *but* shrinks from it, lest his works (his deeds, his activities, his conduct) be exposed *and* reprovved.²¹ But he who practices truth [who does what is right] comes out into the Light; so that his works may be plainly shown to be what they are—wrought with God [divinely prompted, done with God's help, in dependence upon Him].