

— John 1.1-18 —
Christ Hymns of the NT 1
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1 In the beginning was the Word,
And the Word was with God,
And the Word was God.
2 He was in the beginning with God.

3 All things were made through Him,
And without Him was not made anything that was
made.
4 In Him was life,
And the life was the light of men.

5 The light shines in the darkness,
And the darkness has not overcome it.

6 There was a man sent from God,
whose name was John
7 He came as a witness,
To bear witness about the light.
That all might believe through him.

8 He was not the light,
But came to bear witness about the light.
9 The true light, which gives light to everyone,
Was coming into the world.

10 He was in the world,
And the world was made through him.

Yet the world did not know him.
11 He came to His own, but His own did not receive
Him.

12 But to all who did receive Him,
Who believed in His name,
He gave the right to become children of God,
13 Who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the
flesh,
Nor of the will of man, but of God.

14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.
And we have seen His glory,
Glory as of the Only-Begotten of the Father,
Full of grace and truth.

15 John bore witness about Him and cried out,
'He who comes after me ranks before me,
Because He was before me.
16 For from His fullness we have all received grace upon
grace.

17 For the Law was given through Moses;
Grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

18 No one has ever seen God.
The Only-Begotten Son, who is at the Father's side,
He has made Him known.

Chiastic Structure of John 1.1-18

A. The Word was with God (1-2)

B. Creation through the Word (3)

C. Life and light of the Word (4-5)

D. John the Forerunner (6-8)

E. The Word coming into the World (9-10)

F. Rejection of the Word (11)

G. Receive and believe the Word, become children of God (12)

F'. New Birth from God (13)

E'. The Word tabernacled among us (14)

D'. John the Forerunner (15)

C'. Fullness and grace of the Word (16)

B'. New Creation through Christ (17)

A'. The Only-Begotten Son has made the Father known (18)

A Sections: **Father and Son** (Vs. 1:1, 18)

▶ Matthew traces Jesus' descent back to _____ since the Messiah of Israel must belong to the family of Abraham. Luke traces his descent back to _____, for the Messiah would come from the Jews but not just for the Jews- he would come for all humanity, even as the promise to Abraham was a blessing to all the nations.

▶ John directs us not to the natural human descent of Jesus the man, but the _____ existence of the Son of God.

B Sections: **Creation and New Creation in Christ** (Vs. 3, 17)

▶ In Scripture, when God moves His people forward throughout history, there are significant _____ periods which are described as a new creation and they are marked by new _____ arrangements.

▶ The one through whom all things were created, is the one who created Israel as a people and formed her into His _____ through Moses. This same one brought that marriage into its final form by _____ for His bride.

C Sections: **Life, Light, Fullness and Grace** (Vs. 4-5, 16)

▶ People can love reason and logic and can consider that there is an "ideal" that sits _____ and behind everything that exists. But they cannot know it _____ until they know it in the person of Jesus.

D Sections: **Witness Number Two** (Vs. 6-8, 15)

▶ These sections are John's way of fulfilling the _____ of Deuteronomy.

▶ John, the apostle tells us a couple of important things about John the Forerunner:

1. He was _____ by God.

2. The Forerunner testifies to the true _____ and genealogy of the Son of God.

E Sections: **The Tabernacle of Light and Glory** (Vs. 9-10, 14)

▶ The light that was coming into the world was the fulfillment of the _____ that Moses built.

▶ John completes the connection by pointing out that in taking on our _____ in the incarnation, He was moving into the world, so that we might make our _____ in Him.

F Sections: **True and False Children** (Vs. 11, 13)

▶ As a whole, Israel thought they belonged to Abraham's family and were sons of God. Yet they rejected the Only-Begotten Son, and they crucified the Lord of Glory.

▶ In Jesus we see the fulfillment of the creation _____ given to Adam and the _____ that was given to the Israelites and the purpose of the tabernacle, to be a light to the Gentiles.

Section G: Verse 12 - **Receive and Believe the Son and Become Sons of God**

▶ True belief is _____ of Jesus, making all of Christ your own.

TAKEWAYS

▶ Advent is the season of the church calendar that focuses on a necessary component in the lives of the people of God: _____.

▶ _____ reminds us of our top priorities while we wait:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____