

ONE WORD

Manvel Bible Chapel Family Bible Hour – 9 August 2020 (by ZOOM)

Attention Step:

SHOW SLIDE OF “WHAT HAVE YOU MISSED DURING THE LOCKDOWN?” (click for each of 5 items)

- Face to face fellowship with fellow believers?
- Breaking bread together in one place?
- Being together as we Merge our voices in praise to the Lord?
- Snacks at break time?
- Hugs and/or kisses?
- Seeing smiles currently hidden behind masks?

SHOW SLIDE OF “OPENING COMMENTS

Introduction:

- Today I want to present **ONE WORD** which bears on these and all other issues for God’s elect.

-All of Scripture describes this Word.

-In fact, all of Scripture takes on His name as The Word of God!

(click to show following Scripture reference)

--John 1:1-29 -- 1 ¶ 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. 4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men. 5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. 6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. 8 He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. 9 That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. 10 He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. 11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not. 12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: 13 Which 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 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 spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me. 16 And of his fulness have all we received, and

grace for grace. 17 For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. 18 No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him. 19 ¶ And this is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou? 20 And he confessed, and denied not; but confessed, I am not the Christ. 21 And they asked him, What then? Art thou Elias? And he saith, I am not. Art thou that prophet? And he answered, No. 22 Then said they unto him, Who art thou? that we may give an answer to them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself? 23 He said, I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Esaias. 24 And they which were sent were of the Pharisees. 25 And they asked him, and said unto him, Why baptizest thou then, if thou be not that Christ, nor Elias, neither that prophet? 26 John answered them, saying, I baptize with water: but there standeth one among you, whom ye know not; 27 He it is, who coming after me is preferred before me, whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose. 28 These things were done in Bethabara beyond Jordan, where John was baptizing. 29 ¶ The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

Overview of Body

SHOW SLIDE OF OVERVIEW

1. The Word is God.
2. The Word Created Everything
3. The Word is sovereign author of eternal life.

Body of Lesson:

SHOW SLIDE OF “The Word is God

(click to highlight POINT 1)

1. The Word (“Logos” → “Word” → “Divine Expression” is God.
-(Think “Theophany” as you consider the definition “Divine Expression”)
 - John 1:1 -- In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
 - He was in the beginning
 - He was with God and He was God
 - God had fellowship with Himself!!! – The Trinity!
 - A reference to the Trinity -- parallel passage to Genesis 1:1.
 - Genesis 1:1 -- In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.
 - God [0430 -- elohiym] – a plural word.
 - created [bara’ a singular verb]
 - The Word is Christ!
 - John 1:14 -- 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.
 - This is the incarnation of Christ!
 - John 1:15-17 ¶ John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me. 16 And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace. 17 For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.
 - The Word is the Lamb of God
 - John 1:29 ¶ The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world
 - Christ, The Word, is the great “I AM” of Scripture -- The Eternally ever present one!
 - God presents Himself to Moses this way.
 - Exodus 3:14 -- And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM:

and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.

---Jesus uses this same name in speaking to Jewish people who were mocking Him.

----They had mockingly asked Jesus how He and Abraham could have interacted even though Jesus wasn't yet 50 years old.

----John 8:58 -- Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.

2. The Word (Christ) Created Everything!

--John 1:3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

--Colossians 1:14-17 -- In his letter to the Colossians Paul referred to Christ as the one:

“14 In whom we have redemption through his blood [Christ], even the forgiveness of sins: 15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: 16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: 17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.”

--In the closing book of The Word, Christ is worshipped by the 24 elders.

---Revelation 4:10-11 -- 10 The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, 11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

--Those same 24 elders worship Him as the Lamb that was slain:

---Revelation 4:12-13 -- 12 Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. 13 And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.

3. The Word is sovereign and only author of eternal life.

-Christ is the only Light of the world

--He pictured what He does when He first created physical light in a dark world.

---Genesis 1:2-4 -- And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. 3 And God said, **Let there be light: and there was light.** 4 And God saw the light, that it was good: and God **divided the light from the darkness.**

---**He has been dividing light from darkness ever since.**

--Fallen man hates light. People don't naturally choose light (or Christ who is the light)

---John 3:19 -- And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

--Rather they choose according to their fallen natures.

---Genesis 3:8 -- And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and **Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God** amongst the trees of the garden.

---John 6:44 -- No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.

---Romans 3:10-11 -- “10 As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: 11 There is none that understandeth, there is **none that seeketh after God.**

---Romans 8:6-8 -- 6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. 7 Because **the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.** 8 **So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.**

--How, then, can anyone be saved? **Those whom God chooses choose Him!** Salvation is ALL of God

---Romans 9:14 -- What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? God forbid. 15 For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. 16 So then it is **not of him that willeth**, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy.

---John 6:37 -- **All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.**

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Closing Comments

-If God be for us who can be against us?!

--Romans 8:28-31 -- And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the **called according to his purpose**. 29 For whom he did **foreknow**, he also did **predestinate** to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. 30 Moreover whom he did **predestinate**, them he also **called**: and whom he called, them he also **justified**: and whom he justified, them he also **glorified**.

-Notice no one EVER gets kicked out in the middle of this immutable chain of God's perfect plan.

-Regardless of COVID or any other challenge God sends our way **His elect are secure**

--Romans 8:31-39 ¶ What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? 32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? 33 **Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect?** It is **God that justifieth**. 34 Who is he that condemneth? It is **Christ that died**, yea rather, that is **risen again**, who is even at the right hand of God, who also **maketh intercession for us**. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; **we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter**. 37 **Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us**. 38 For I am persuaded, that neither **death**, nor **life**, nor **angels**, nor **principalities**, nor **powers**, nor **things present**, nor **things to come**, 39 Nor **height**, nor **depth**, nor **any other creature**, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

-God uses His **one Word** (Christ and the Scriptures that speak of Him) to save souls. This gives us our marching orders!!!

--Romans 10:17 -- So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the **word of God**.

--2 Timothy 4:2 -- Preach the **word**; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

-Remember the Darkness we discussed earlier?

--All who do not know THE WORD who is THE LIGHT are doomed to eternal fire in isolated outer darkness, agony, disease, and hopelessness

FOREVER!!!

--Could COVID be one of the LORD's ways of getting us to get their attention?

The article on the next page was written in contemplation of the awful eternal darkness facing the lost.

LAMENT FROM THE FUTURE

Will the Lament of Eriphos be Yours?

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Call me “Eriphos.” My name is Greek for “goat.” It appears in a book, the Bible, which I ignored, mocked, and rejected eons ago. That book pronounced warnings to mockers, like me, whom it described as “goats.”

It is now the year 1,235,711,131,719 AD. My agony is unending. Eons have passed since I was cast into this place. Since then, I’ve never again seen light. Physical and spiritual darkness permeate my being. It’s a place of outer darkness. There’s no hope for future relief. I’ll never again know comfort or encouragement — just endless, excruciating horror and loneliness. I spend my endless night in gnawing torment. Diseases that entered my body, while living, have continued to infest and grow within me. The warnings were true that this would be a place where the worm of disease would never die. Outer darkness, endless fire, and gnashing of teeth shall persist forever.

“... their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.” (Mark 9:44)

“But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” (Matthew 8:12)

“Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels.” (Matthew 25:41)

Oh, what shall I do with this never ending fire, so hot it sheds no light!?

Dear reader: Return with me, now, to the present. Many today will end up like Eriphos. However, these warnings, Eriphos ignored, can still be heeded. For those still living, there is hope.

“... if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.” (Romans 10:9-10)

“All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.” (John 6:37)

“...Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, ...” (Acts 16:31)

God the Son, Jesus Christ, is the crucified and risen Savior. He, alone, can save you. Unless you ask Him to save and cleanse you from your sin, you too, shall lament as Eriphos.