



ETERNAL GIFT

John 1:1-5

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- The greatest and most significant event in all history, in all creation, for all humanity and creation is Jesus Christ.
- This is God become flesh.
- *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (Jn. 1:1 ESV)*
- *And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (Jn. 1:14 ESV)*
- The Lamb receives the same praise, honor and glory as the Father on the throne.

THE PAST

- Before we were ever born things happened that we need to know.
- *All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. (Jn. 1:3 ESV)*
- *¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities-- all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. (Col. 1:15-17 ESV)*

THE PAST

- World, humanity – male and female, all creation
- Writings – The Book
- *The one who rejects me and does not receive my words has a judge; the word that I have spoken will judge him on the last day. (Jn. 12:48 ESV)*

THE PRESENT

- This is our time – my time and your time.
- Our time for decision and choice.
- *²⁷ And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, ²⁸ so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him. (Heb. 9:27-28 ESV)*

THE PRESENT

- ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.
- ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
- ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matt. 28:18-20 ESV)

THE FUTURE

- ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself. (Phil. 3:20-21 ESV)

THE FUTURE

- *See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.*
- *² Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.*
- *³ And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. (1 Jn. 3:1-3 ESV)*