

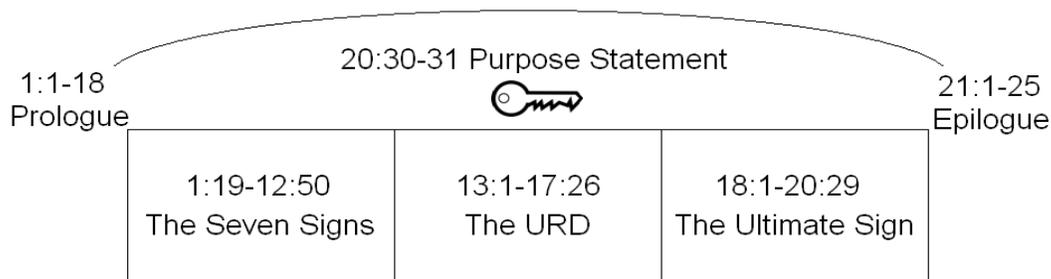
John 1:1-18 (Part 1 of 2)

Truth for Christmas (and All the Other Days of the Year) Jesus is Not Just Another Preacher or Prophet, He is THE Incarnation of God in Human Form

John 1:1-18 Reveals the Real “Real Meaning” of Christmas.

The Babe in the Manger Was/Is the God-Man-Savior

The Context of John 1:1-18



The Content of John 1:1-18

Rather than starting with the Virgin Conception/Birth as do Luke and Matthew, the Gospel of John begins before the creation of our time/space universe. Luke (the physical genealogy through Mary) and Matthew (the legal genealogy through Joseph) emphasize the human line of Jesus. John emphasizes that Jesus is more than a human being. He is in fact the God-Man-Savior and the Active Agent of both physical and spiritual creation.

These 18 verses contain some of the deepest truth about our Lord’s Person found in Scripture. Yet it uses some of the simplest vocabulary in the New Testament. Beyond this verbal simplicity however is an intricate flow of thought that moves toward and then away from the central affirmation highlighted in 1:12-13: Jesus is THE Savior/THE Object of Saving Faith. IOWs: The Babe in the Manger Was/Is the God-Man-Savior.

Take This To Heart

The Real “Real Meaning” of Christmas Is Not About What Santa Says: “Ho! Ho! Ho!”
It is All about “Who! Who! Who!” Who Jesus Is!”

“Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift” 2 Corinthians 9:15

Jesus-The Word and God the Father 1:1-2

In the beginning Jesus the Word already was and He was in fellowship with God the Father, and He was God-Full Deity. He was in the beginning with God the Father.

Jesus-The Word is the Active Agent of Physical Creation 1:3

All things came into being through Him, IOWs: apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.

Jesus-The Word is The Issue/Issuer of Spiritual Life and Light 1:4-5

In Him was life, and The Life was The Light of men. The Light keeps on shining in the darkness, and the darkness did not overpower Him.

Jesus-The Word Was Correctly Identified by John the Baptist 1:6-8

There came a man sent from God, whose name was John (the Baptist). He came as a witness, to testify about The Light, so that all might believe through him. He-John the Baptist was not The Light, but *he came* to testify about The Light.

Jesus-The Word is the Incarnation of God in Human Form 1:9-11

Jesus was/is The True Light, who coming into the world, enlightens every man. He was in the world! The world was made through Him! Yet the world did not know Him?!? He came to His own (the Jewish people) yet those who were His own did not receive Him.

Jesus-The Word is the Savior/Object of Saving Faith 1:12-13

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, that is to all those who believe in His name. These are born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God (born again/from above).

Jesus-The Word is the Incarnation of God in Human Form 1:14

Jesus-The Word became flesh, and tabernacled among us and we saw His divine glory, as the unique member of the Trinity in his visible and human form, full of grace and truth.

Jesus-The Word Was Correctly Identified by John the Baptist 1:15

John the Baptist testified about Jesus-The Word: this was He of whom I said He who comes after me has a higher rank than I, for He existed before me."

Jesus-The Word is The Issue/Issuer of Spiritual Life and Light 1:16

Through Jesus-The Word we have all received His fullness-grace upon grace.

Jesus-The Word is the Active Agent of Spiritual Creation 1:17

For the Law (partial/preliminary) was given through Moses; but grace and truth in its ultimate form has been given in/through Jesus Christ.

Jesus-The Word and God the Father 1:18

No one has seen God (the Father) at any time; but the unique member of the Trinity who is now at the right hand of God the Father, He has demonstrated what God is.

Christmas

According To

John 1:1-18

The Babe in the
Manger Was the
God-Man-Savior

What is a lion's favorite Christmas song?

Jungle Bells!

Brother to Sis: I know how you can get a puppy for Christmas!

Sis to Brother: How?

Tell Mom you want a pony!

Anyone who thinks men are superior to women have never seen a man...

...try to wrap a Christmas present!

Santa won't be coming down chimneys this year, because it was declared too dangerous...

...by the Elf and Safety Commission!

Why are broken drums some of the best Christmas presents ever?

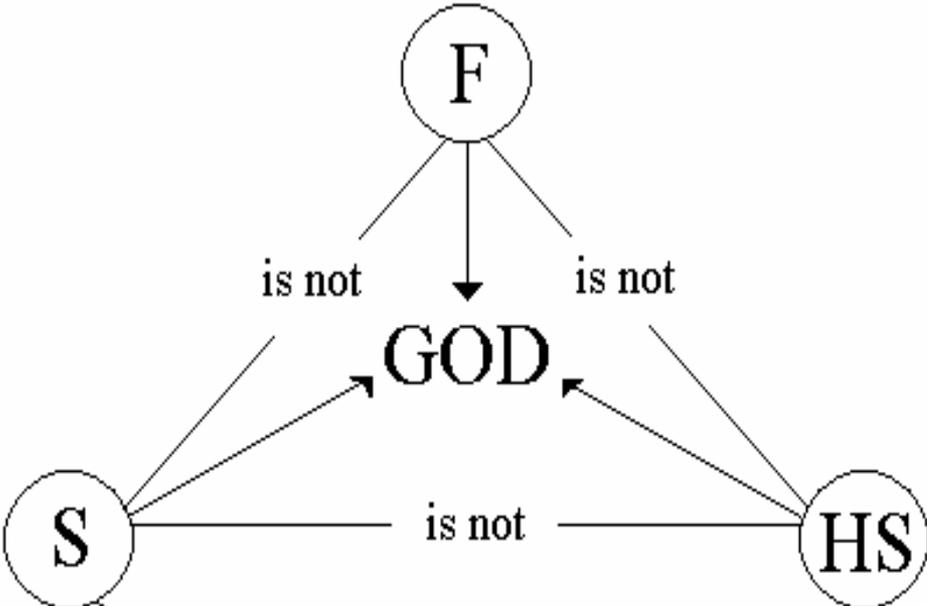
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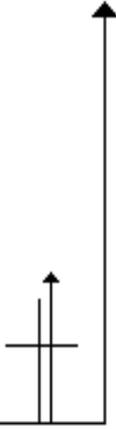
Psalm 2
Psalm 110
Acts 2

John 1:14

The Word became flesh...
"The Incarnation"



1 Person
with 2 Natures



Warning Label

If you don't like 1: Jesus and/or
2: The RRM of Christmas

You Won't Like This Passage
It Will Seem Insulting or Irrelevant

The Context of John 1:1-18

The Bible Generally

The Gospel of John Specifically

The Content of John 1:1-18

The Organization of the Passage

The Meaning of Passage/Twin Subunits

The Bible

A SYNTHETIC OVERVIEW



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ONE MAJOR PROMISE:
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1:1-18
Prologue

20:30-31 Purpose Statement



21:1-25
Epilogue

1:19-12:50 The Seven Signs	13:1-17:26 The URD	18:1-20:29 The Ultimate Sign
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- B** The Word's role in creation (1:3)
- C** God's Grace to mankind (1:4–5)
- D** Witness of John the Baptist (1:6–8)
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The Deity of Jesus Christ

Jesus Christ 1 2 = John 1 and Colossians 2

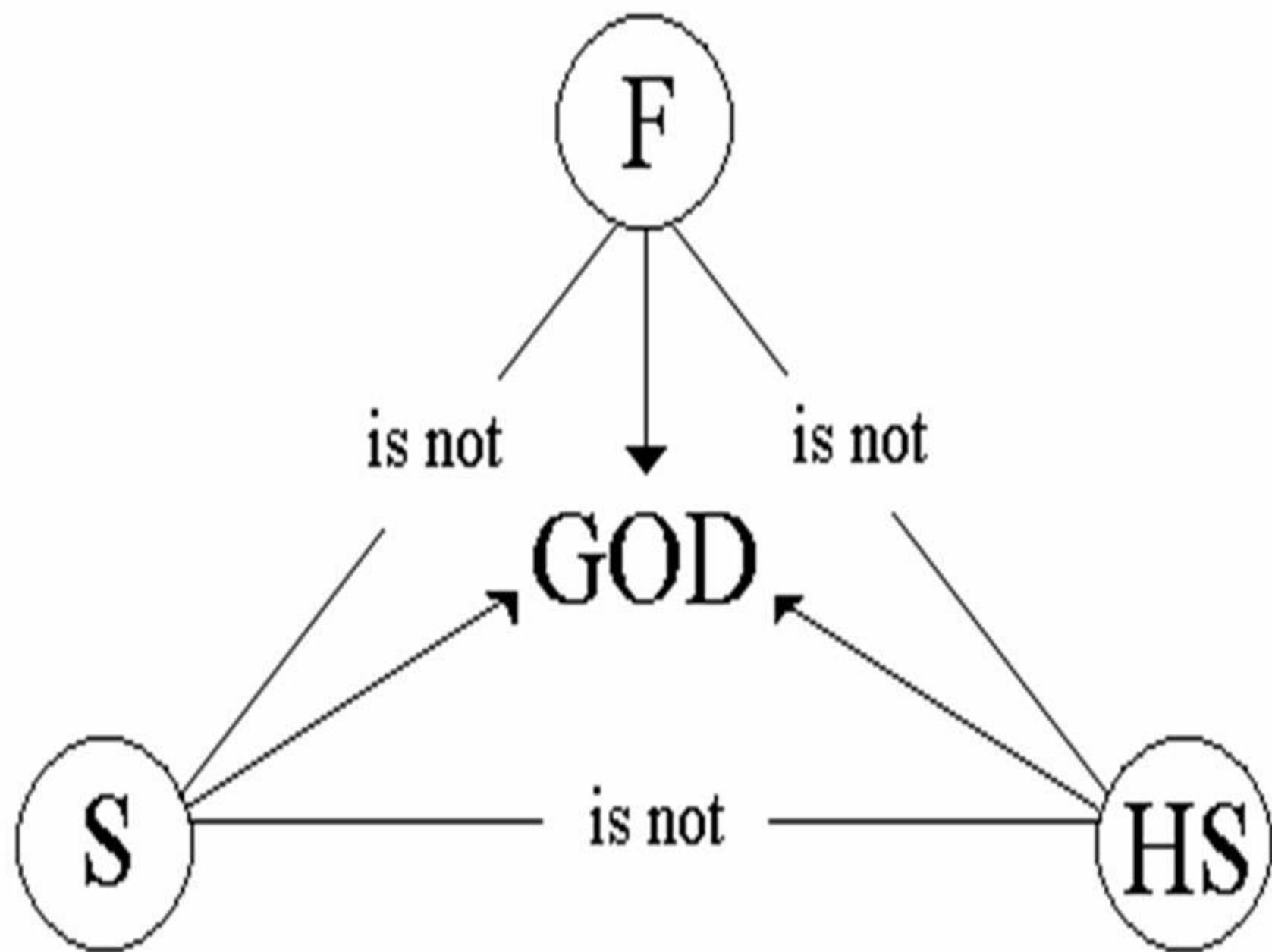
8x10 = John 8 and John 10

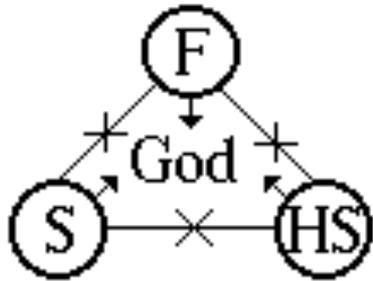
The Holy Trinity

ONE God in THREE Persons

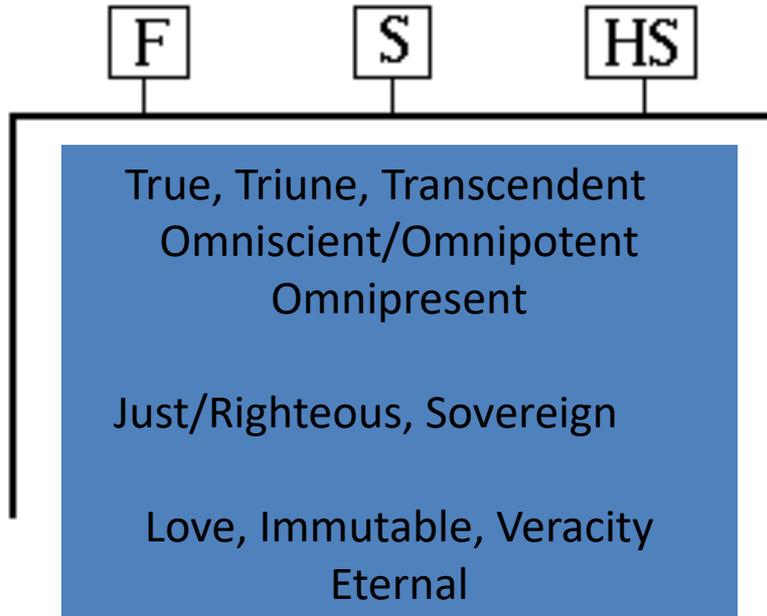
Matthew 28:19-20

Genesis 1:26; Isaiah 61:1

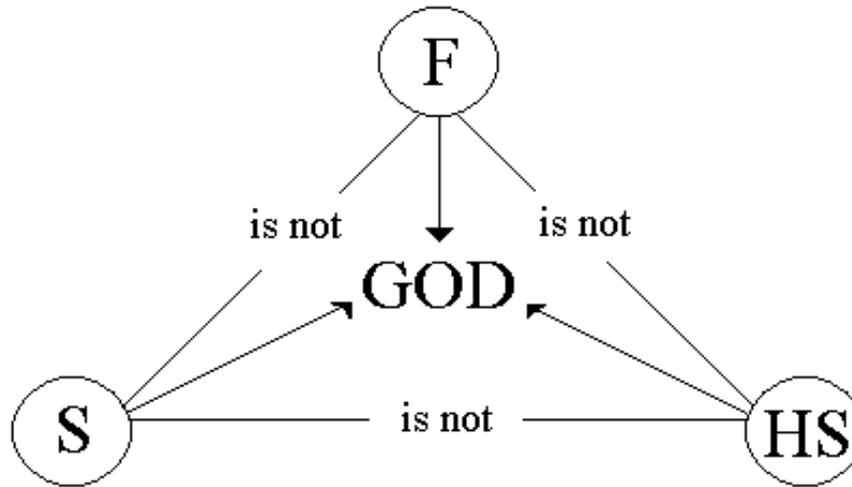




In the Being of the One God
there are Three Persons, Equal
in Essence/Attributes, Distinct
in Subsistence



All Three Persons of the
Trinity are Co-Equal and
Co-Eternal. But they are
NOT the same Person.
And they do have different
roles in the outworking of
the overall Plan of God



God the Father

The Author of the Plan of Salvation

God the Son

The Active Agent of Salvation

God the Holy Spirit

The Activating Agent of Salvation

**D The Messiah's Ministry of
Peace During Both
Advents, 61:1-11**

61 The ^aSpirit of the Lord
God is upon me,
Because the LORD has
anointed me
To ^bbring good news to
the ^cafflicted;
He has sent me to ^dbind
up the brokenhearted,
To ^eproclaim liberty to
captives
And freedom to prisoners;
2 To ^aproclaim the
favorable year of the

*61:1
als 11:2;
48:16; Luke
4:18
b Matt
Luke 7:22;
cls 11:4;
29:19; 32:7
d Is 57:15
e Is 42:7; 49:9

61:2
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b Is 2:12; 13:6;
24:28



2000 BC

430 BC



45 AD

96 AD

Genesis - Malachi

Matthew - Revelation

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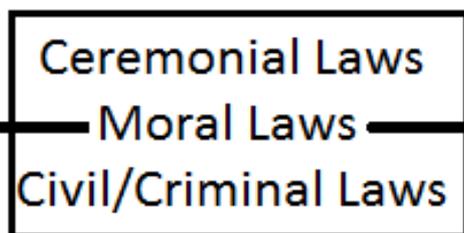
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The Gospel 1 Corinthians 15

Christ Died for our Sins (SAS)

according to the Scripture
and He was buried

He Was Raised on the 3rd Day (LBSR)

according to the Scripture
and He was seen

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