



The Logos, Life, & Light

Preeminent Properties of the New Covenant

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Preface

The principle of the New Covenant is: **"The Spirit gives life."**
(John 6:63; 2 Corinthians 3:6) This concept of the Spirit giving life, and how and where He gives life, is, in essence, the subject matter of my eBook [*A New & Living Way: A Collection of Articles Investigating New Covenant Worship in Spirit & Truth.*](#)¹

Since writing [*A New & Living Way*](#), I have been surveying the New Testament scriptures for passages which communicate that God's intention in the New Covenant is that **"the Spirit gives life" *in all of our life***, rather than in sacralized (set-apart) special religious activities. New Covenant Worship in Spirit and Truth is concerned with *the whole of life* - not in fragmented sacralized (set-apart) special activities at special times in special places. In fact, God desires our time and place of worship to be **"a living sacrifice"** (Romans 12:1) - *the whole of life* rather than just in scheduled meetings.

To this, I will add that it is an **"elementary principle of the world"** (Galatians 4:3,9; Colossians 2:8,20) which would insist that the focus remain on special activities at special times in special

¹ This book is available in paperback format - [*"A New & Living Way: A Collection of Articles Investigating New Covenant Worship in Spirit & Truth."*](#)

places. This is, in fact, a tool of the Powers of Darkness to keep the Ekklesia in the undertow of the Old Covenant. “The veil has been removed” (2 Corinthians 3:16), but we have yet to fully see and experience the New Covenant realities of “the law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus” (Romans 8:2)!

The Logos, Life, & Light

1“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was fully God. **2**The Word was with God in the beginning. **3**All things were created by him, and apart from him not one thing was created that has been created. **4**In him was life, and the life was the light of mankind. **5**And the light shines on in the darkness, but the darkness has not mastered it.”

John 1:1-5

I see in this passage that God put His Christ *in the life* of humanity - not just in a special place of worship. The Word became material and came into this earthly, human life; and *the Logos gives Light in the context of Life.*

The Word²

Jesus in Connection with God

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was fully God. The Word was with God in the beginning.” John 1:1-2

“In the beginning” ... There is a clear similarity between Genesis 1:1-5 and John 1:1-5. That is: In both passages, God is expressing, communicating, revealing Himself *through creation* – and God expressing, communicating, revealing Himself *through Christ*.

Bible scholars debate as to whether John’s intended audience were Greeks, or Jews, or both. In any case, Holy Spirit had John choose to use the Greek word, *Logos*, in connection with Jesus. In fact, John also used the word *Logos* in first epistle (1 John 1:1, 5:7) and again in Revelation (19:13). This Greek word has a rich history of meaning in the writings of Greek philosophers Pythagoras, Heraclitus, Plato, Aristotle,³ as well as the Hellenistic Jewish philosopher Philo. To research all this is certainly very interesting. However, any claim that John’s gospel or any other

² “The Word” is our English translation of the Greek word *Logos*. A brief and simple definition might be: The complete collection of all of God’s thought (inward) expressed (outwardly). That is, God’s expression, communication or revelation of Himself.

³ Visnja Bojovic, *Classical Wisdom*, <https://classicalwisdom.com/culture/language/the-concept-of-logos/>

New Testament writings were influenced by Greek philosophy are false claims.⁴

But the fact remains: Holy Spirit had John choose to use the Greek word, *Logos*, in connection with Jesus. I believe this was so in order to better communicate to both Jews and Greeks who were, in fact, educated or at least enculturated by the prevailing philosophic traditions in their generation: *“The New Testament era was one dominated by Greek culture and language. Even though Rome ruled the physical world, Greek intellectual traditions remained supreme. The New Testament was originally written in Greek and was targeted to an audience immersed in a Hellenized worldview. Greek philosophy continued through the millennia to be the primary system by which the Western world debated and defined concepts. At the same time, Christianity stands in clear contrast to the spiritual and religious beliefs of ancient Greek culture. Greek philosophy has deeply, profoundly influenced the way Christianity discusses theology. It has not, however, been the origin of Christian belief nor a source of Christian religious ideas.”*⁵ So, through his gospel and epistles,⁶ John the apostle addressed the Greek Mystery Religions and specifically the Gnosticism of his generation.⁷

⁴ [Was the New Testament Influenced by Philo?](#), Ronald Nash, Christian Research Institute.

⁵ A quote from [How has Greek Philosophy Influenced Early Christianity?](#)

⁶ Cf. 1 John 4:2-3. Gnosticism was also addressed by Paul the apostle: Cf. Colossians 2:6-9; 1 Timothy 4:1-5

⁷ For a brief but excellent overview of Greek philosophy and early Christianity, I recommend the article [How has Greek Philosophy Influenced Early Christianity?](#)

I also believe John clearly tell us what *he* means by the word *Logos* in his opening verses: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word *was with God*, and the Word *was fully God*. "The Word *was with God in the beginning*." That is: The *Logos* was in perfect union or communion with God in the beginning. And "The Word was God". Therefore, the *Logos* has all the divine attributes of God. But then John gives further explanation:

The Life

Jesus in Connection with the Creation

"All things were created by him, and apart from him not one thing was created that has been created." John 1:3

Christ was there in Genesis 1:1-5. Christ was the "Cause" (or Means) of creation in that "the world was made *through Him*" (John 1:10). "In Him was *Life*" (John 1:4). Again, He is the Cause, or the Means of Life being imparted to all that is in the material Creation. Only Christ can give "*Life*" (and "*Light*") to human beings (John 1:9).

Jesus' Claims Concerning the Life of God

"For just as the Father has life in himself, thus he has granted *the Son to have life in himself*." John 5:26

"I have come so that they may have life, and may have it abundantly."

John 10:10; Cf. John 6:27

"I am the way, and the truth, and the life." John 14:6

John's Testimony of Jesus as the Life of God⁸

"And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. The one who has the Son has this eternal life; the one who does not have the Son of God does not have this eternal life."

1 John 5:11-12

"And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us insight to know him who is true, and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. This one is the true God and eternal life." 1 John 5:20

Paul on "The Spirit of Life"

"For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death" Romans 8:2 ESV⁹

"For the law of the Spirit of life [which is] in Christ Jesus [the law of our new being] has set you free from the law of sin and of death." Romans 8:2 AMP

The Law of Christ and the New Covenant is all about *Life*. The good news about Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection is more

⁸ In the following quotes, the word "eternal" is not in the Greek text, but is added for clarity to identify it as the Life of God.

⁹ This is also an alternate translation in the footnotes of the NASB as well.

than the forgiveness of sins.¹⁰ It is also *the defeat of death* – which is “the wages of sin”.¹¹ What the Lamb of God redeemed back for us (which was lost in the Garden) is *Life*. Just pause for a moment and think of how many times and in what ways the word “*Life*” appears in Scripture – especially the New Testament.¹² I believe it is accurate to say that *the Law of Christ in the New Covenant is all about Life*, rather than letters. That is essentially how the apostle Paul identified “**the Law of Christ**”¹³: “*The law of the life-giving Spirit in Christ Jesus*”. (Romans 8:2) And that is how he explained the New Covenant: “ A new covenant not based on the letter but on the Spirit, for the letter kills, but *the Spirit gives life.*” (2 Corinthians 3:6)

“So that we may serve in the *new life of the Spirit* and not under the old written code.” (Romans 7:6) “... for the letter kills, but *the Spirit gives life.*” (2 Corinthians 3:6) And “We know that we have *crossed over from death to life* because we love our fellow Christians.” (1 John 3:14)

Intrinsic to “crossing over from death to life” is the spiritual reality that, in the New Covenant, God’s law, “**the law of Christ**” – “*the law of the life-giving Spirit of Christ Jesus*” - has also passed from

¹⁰ 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

¹¹ Romans 6:23

¹² For example: John 5:12, 21; 6:63, 68; Acts 5:20; Romans 6:23; 2 Corinthians 3:6; Ephesians 2:6; 1 John 3:14; Cf. Deuteronomy 30:19

¹³ 1 Corinthians 9:21; Galatians 6:2

letters to *Life*. Because it is “by the Spirit”, it is not embedded on tablets of stone, but is resident in human hearts¹⁴ and operational in *Life* - everyday, 24/7 *Life*.

The Light Jesus in Connection with Humanity

“In him was life, and *the life was the light of mankind*. And the light shines on in the darkness, but the darkness has not mastered it.”

John 1:4-5

“The *life* was the *Light* of mankind”. Here, John is not saying that the Word is the *Light* - but that the life is the *Light*. This is to say that *through the medium or agency of life*, the Word gives *Light* to humanity. “The true light, who gives light to everyone, was coming into the world (that is, was entering into earthly, human life).” (John 1:9)

“Then Jesus spoke out again, “I am *the light of the world*. The one who follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have *the light of life*.” (John 8:12) Here Jesus combines the two phrases “the Light of the world” and “the Light of life”. The world, in its fallen state of sin, is in *death and darkness*. (Genesis 1:2-4) Namely, the state of *death* (separation from God) and *darkness*

¹⁴ 2 Corinthians 3:3

(no revelation of God). Christ came to give *Life* and *Light*. (John 1:4-5; Cf. John 10:10)

Light Enables Seeing

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Spiritual life (Zoë) is pre-requisite to seeing. Humanity, in the state of death (separation from God) and darkness (no revelation of God) *cannot see spiritually*.¹⁵ The Word, through the medium and agency of life became “a light for revelation”, that is for Humanity to see spiritually (Isaiah 9:2; 42:6; Luke 2:32; Acts 13:47) Namely, “The life was the Light of mankind.” (John 1:4)

“And the light shines on in the darkness, but the darkness has not mastered it¹⁶.” (John 1:5) The *NASB* and the *NKJV* read: “the darkness did not *comprehend* it.” The Greek word is *katalambano*.¹⁷ In his *Word Studies*, M.R. Vincent offers: “*to take possession of, to lay hold of so as to make one’s own*”. The same word is used in Romans 9:30, “*attained* righteousness”; and in 1 Corinthians 9:24, “*receives* the prize”. This is similar in meaning to

¹⁵ John 3:3-8; 1 Corinthians 2:10-16.

¹⁶ *ESV* & *NIV*: “did not overcome it”

¹⁷ Strong’s # 2638

*echo*¹⁸, “to take hold of”, “to take possession of”, as the word is used in 1 John 5:12: “The one who *has* the Son *has* this eternal life.”

In summary, we see that no one can know and understand the things of God except by the Spirit of God. Those in darkness (spiritual death) cannot comprehend the spiritual things of God.¹⁹ They must receive the *Life* (Zoë) in order to comprehend the *Light*. Specifically, they “must be born of the Spirit” (John 3:3-8) – that is, *regenerated* (“born again”). They must pass from death (and darkness) into *Life* and *Light*.²⁰ And intrinsic to “crossing over from death to life” is the spiritual reality that, in the New Covenant, God’s law, “**the law of Christ**”²¹ – “*the law of the life-giving Spirit of Christ Jesus*”²² - has also passed from letters to *Life*. Because it is “by the Spirit”, it is not embedded on tablets of stone, but is resident in human hearts²³ and operational in *Life* - everyday, 24/7 *Life*.

¹⁸ Strong’s # 2192

¹⁹ Cf. Acts 26:18; Isaiah 35:5; 42:7, 16; Ephesians 5:8; Colossians 1:13; 1 Peter 2:9

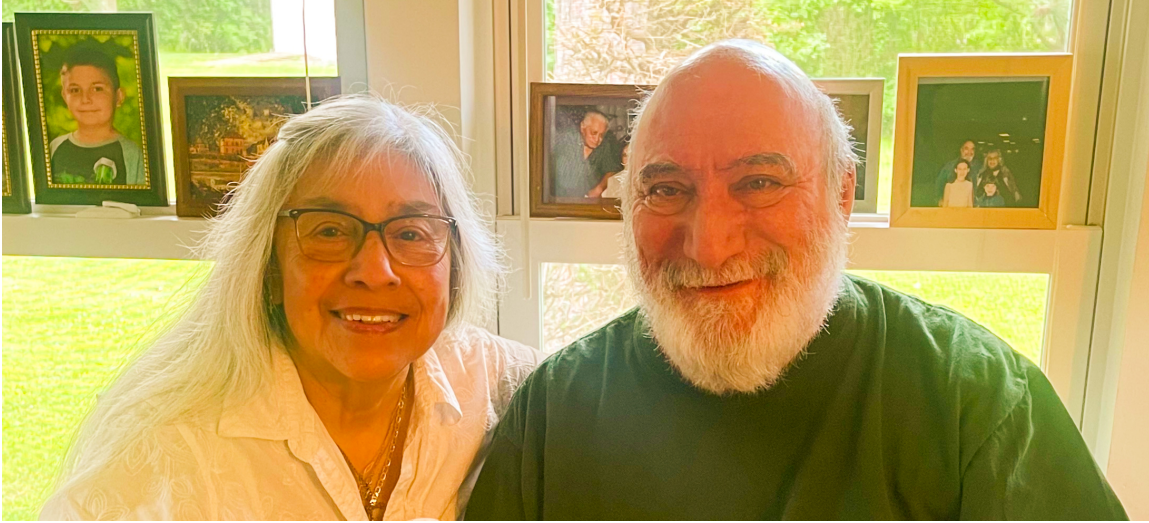
²⁰ John 5:24; 1 John 3:14

²¹ 1 Corinthians 9:21; Galatians 6:2

²² Romans 8:2

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