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## What Does God's Word Say About... Eternity of God and Jesus the Word

Many people ask, "Where did God come from, and who made Him"? The first verse in the Bible says, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth," (Gen. 1:1). The Bible does not teach that God had a "beginning." Instead, God was there to initiate "the beginning" of all things as we know them. The Bible says, "Abraham planted a tamarisk tree at Beersheba, and there he called on the name of the Lord, the Everlasting God," (Gen. 21:33). Moses told Israel, "The eternal God is a dwelling place," (Deut. 33:27). And the apostle Paul speaks of the "eternal" God, "But now is manifested, and by the Scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the eternal God, is made known to all the nations," (Rom. 16:26).

The minds of men have a difficult time grasping the concept of "eternal." Everything we know has a beginning and an end. God did not "come from" anywhere, nor was God made by anyone. Jesus said, for instance, "Before Abraham was, I Am," (John 8:58). This is the concept of eternity when Jesus spoke in the present tense "I Am." For with God there is no time.

The Scripture tells us that Jesus Christ is actually God, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He [Jesus] was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him [Jesus], and apart from Him nothing came into being. And the Word [Jesus] became flesh and dwelt among us," (John 1:1-3, 14). Jesus was the Word from eternity and He was God from eternity. It was by His power that the universe came into being. And He was the Son of God throughout all time. It was later that He [Jesus] became flesh through His physical birth as the "only begotten Son", (John 3:16).

When the disciple Thomas saw Jesus resurrected from the dead, he said to Jesus, "My Lord and my God!" (John 20:28). Also, the apostle John wrote about Jesus saying, "What was from the beginning, what we [apostles] have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the Word of Life and the life was manifested, and we have seen and testify and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was manifested to us," (1 John 1:1-2).

Scripture tells us, "For God so love the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life," (John 3:16). Paul told us, "Although He [Jesus] existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men," (Phil. 2:6-7). God became flesh so that mankind might have eternal life with Him.

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