THE ETERNAL MAJESTY OF JESUS

(John 1:1-2)

In his book "God in the Wasteland," Christian theologian and author David Wells said, "It is one of the defining marks of our time that God is now weightless." If the Christian church of our generation suffers from a spiritual disease, it suffers from a malnourished and underdeveloped view who God is. God has indeed become weightless, irrelevant and unimportant even among professing Christians. What we urgently need then is to recapture the weightiness, the glory and the majesty of God in Jesus. This is what the Prologue of John's gospel presents to us. As the Apostle John introduces Christ to us, we will get a glimpse of the eternal majesty of Jesus. Since Jesus is eternal in His being, His person and His majesty, we must give Him our highest worship, our deepest love and our wholehearted service. As we reflect on the opening verses of John's Gospel, we will consider two absolute and amazing truths about Jesus' eternal majesty.

1. Jesus is the _____

Without any apology and with full clarity, the Apostle John grounds the identity of Jesus beyond His virgin birth in Bethlehem and even way back before the beginning of creation (John 1:1; Genesis 1:1). Prior to His coming here on earth in human flesh, Jesus already existed from all eternity. Jesus is the Eternal One who has no beginning and has no end. John further describes Jesus as the Word (John 1:1,14). To the Greek mind, the Word or the Logos pertains to the controlling principle by which everything exists. To the Jewish mind, the Word of the LORD is an Old Testament expression of God's creative power and divine revelation (Genesis 1:3; Psalm 33:6; Jeremiah 2:1; Ezekiel 1:2; Micah 1:1; Hebrews 1:1). As the Word, Jesus is the final revelation and fullest self-disclosure of God to us. Jesus is the perfect expression of all who God is because Jesus is God Himself (Hebrews 1:3; Colossians 1:15; John 1:1). Jesus' full divinity is at the heart of Christianity. If you reject the biblical truth that Jesus is God, you cannot be saved (John 8:24; Colossians 2:9).

In stating that Jesus as the Word was with God in the beginning, the Apostle John teaches us that Jesus as God the Son is a distinct person from God the Father (John 1:1-2). The Christian church has one-word explanation for this biblical truth which is called Trinity. This biblical doctrine of the Trinity conveys the truth that the one true God of the Bible eternally exists as three distinct persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Though distinct in personhood, each member of the Godhead is fully divine – the Father is God, the Son is God and the Holy Spirit is God.

When John said that Jesus, the Word, was with God, he means that from all eternity, Jesus as God the Son enjoys an unbroken, intimate and perfect love relationship with God the Father (John 17:4-5,24). The wonder of all wonders is that you and I who trust in Jesus are included in this eternal love relationship between the Father and the Son. When we come to understand John 1:1-2 this way, our only proper response is to worship Jesus with highest reverence, to love Jesus with deepest affection and to serve Jesus with wholehearted allegiance.