

### *In The Beginning*

#### **I. THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE SON: IN THE BEGINNING**

- A. The Son in the beginning was not called Jesus, He was the eternal Word of God. Jesus was with God the Father before the beginning of time. In other words, when the Trinity shared life together there was no time there was just eternity. It is hard to fathom, but the Godhead does not have a beginning.

*St, John 1:1-2 In the beginning was the Word and the was God and the Word was with God.*

- B. Jesus' being the pre-existent God was significant for John because it proved:

1. What He spoke about himself was true (John 8:58), (John14:1)
2. Why His blood brought forth a New Covenant (Luke 22:20)

*GQ: What is the significance of Jesus being the God?*

*GQ: Can you think of any other Gospel scriptures that says Jesus is God?*

- B. The eternal Word was responsible for the creation of the known universe and our world. Jesus is called the Word of God this word in the Greek is Logos. One of the meaning of the word is reasoning and another is intelligence. Jesus represents the intelligence and the reasoning of the Godhead. As you read the scripture below look at the emphasis the Holy Ghost is making to insure the readers that the Word is the architect of all we see.

*John1:3 All things were made by Him and without Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made.*

*GQ: Jesus, the Word was the creator what does that mean for us as Christians?*

*GQ: The Jews believe in one God. What is the significance for the Jew in Jesus being God and creator for the Jew?*

#### **II. GOD CALLS JESUS GOD IN THE OLD TESTAMENT**

- A. The beauty of the Trinity is the love and respect that is share amongst God. Jesus on many occasions gives praise to the Father (John 17) and the Father gives praise to the Son. (Matt, 3:17) The mutual love and admiration shows the great humility and adoration of the Godhead for one another.
- B. As you read the scripture below you can glean the adoration the God the Father has for the Word, Jesus. It is the Word that hates wickedness and loves righteousness. For true praise does not include the one doing the praising. True praise keeps one's eye one the one being adored.

*Psalms 45:6-7 Thy throne, Oh God, is for ever and ever: the scepter of thy kingdom is a right scepter. Thou lovest righteousness, and hateth wickedness: therefore God thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.*

*GQ: What does it mean to praise Jesus as God did?*

*GQ: What lesson can we learn from the relationship of the Godhead?*