



John the Evangelist & Peter
by Albrecht Dürer (1526)

In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.

² He was with God in
the beginning.



Gospel of John 12-4-22

- 1a In the Beginning
- 1b Come and See
- 2-3 Everyone Who Believes
- 4 But Whoever Drinks
- 5 Pick Up Your Mat
- 6 I Am Bread
- 7 He Sent Me
- 8 I Am the Light
- 9 You Have Seen Me
- 10 I Know My Own
- 11 I Am the Resurrection

Love from the Eternal Past



John 1:1 ... *some of the most profound revelations*

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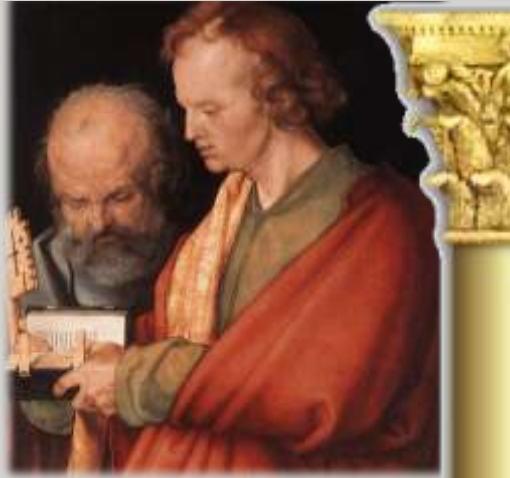
What magnificent superlative *GRANDEUR* ...

O LORD my God! When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed:

How Great Thou art!



John is divided easily into Two Books
after prologue 1:1-19 ... Pro-Logos = Pre-Word



1-12 Book of Signs > Signs of Love

13-21 Book of Glory > Glory of Love

Signs – i.e., Revelations of Father & Jesus His Son

Glory – Center on Jesus' Passion, Death, Resurrection

Reveal the Glory of God

Matthew, Mark, Luke – Begin with Christ in a Manager

John – Beginning of the WORLD *through* Christ

John 1:2-3

2 He was with God in the **BEGINNING**.

3 Through him **ALL** things were made;
without him **NOTHING** was made
that has been made.



What magnificent superlative all-encompassing *REACH*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;

When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze:

How Great Thou art!

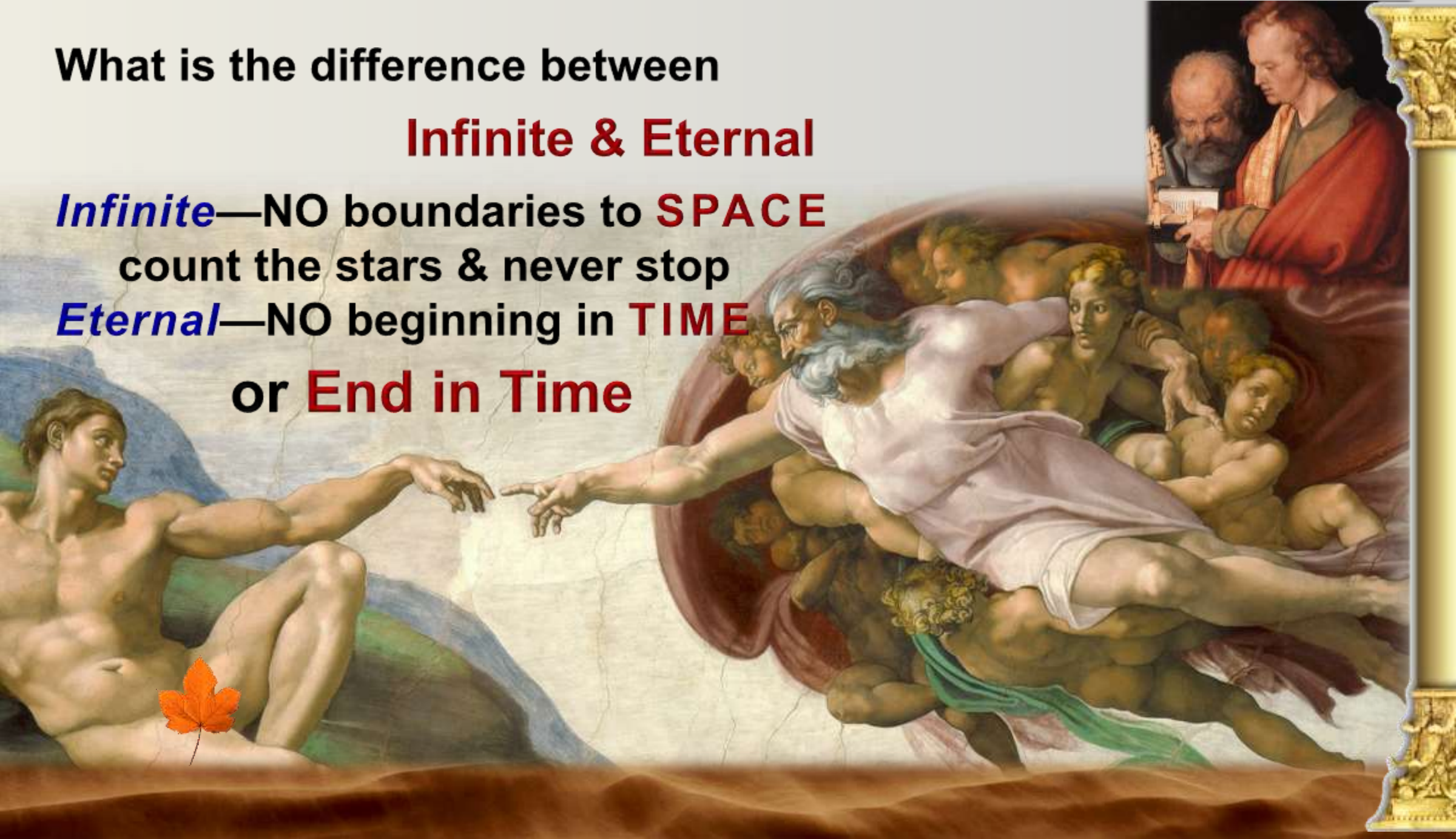


What is the difference between

Infinite & Eternal

Infinite—NO boundaries to **SPACE**
count the stars & never stop

Eternal—NO beginning in **TIME**
or **End in Time**



John 1:4-5

4 In him was **LIFE**, and that **LIFE**
was the **LIGHT** of **ALL** Humankind.

5 The **LIGHT** shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has **NOT** overcome it.

And when I think that God His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die I scarce can take it in,
That on the Cross my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin:
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee,
How Great Thou art!



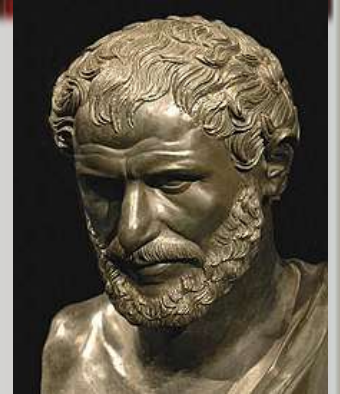
1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

We know “**Word**” is from the Greek “**Logos**”

- ✓ Greek Stoic Philosophers: **Logos – Life Force**
- ✓ Heraclitus of Ephesus c. 500 B.C.: **Principle of Order
Rational Discourse within World’s Rational Structure**
- ✓ Sophists c. 400 B.C. used **Logos as Discourse**
- ✓ Aristotle 384-322 B.C.: **Reasoned Discourse**

Gen. 1:1 “In the **BEGINNING** God created”

Gen. 1:3 God said—**SPOKE**, “Let there be **LIGHT**”



**Logos
WORD**



John 1:2-3

2 He was with God in the beginning.

**3 Through him ALL things were made;
without him NOTHING was made
that has been made.**

And I think to myself ...

What a Wonderful World ...

John is talking about Christ ... *unveiling* in Chapter 1
LAST Gospel ... c. A.D. 80-90 ... after Matthew, Mark, Luke
Before Book of Revelation ... likely written in Ephesus

In the Fog of Eternity PAST – Christ with God



Colossians 1:15-17

**¹⁵ Son is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn over all creation.**

**¹⁶ For in him all things were created:
things in heaven & on earth, visible & invisible,
whether thrones or powers or rulers ...
all things have been created through him
and for him.**

**¹⁷ He is before all things, and
in him all things hold together.**



**The colors of the rainbow
So pretty in the sky
Are also on the faces
Of people going by
I see friends shaking hands
Saying how do you do
They're really saying
I Love You**



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**Infinite & Eternal ... are ALL around us ... every second
What is in a Word?**

**Pacific Ocean
Grand Canyon
Mount Everest
Milky Way Galaxy**

**Filled with the
uncountable
Seems Infinite
Unsearchable
Changing Eternally**

3 Through him ALL Things were made;
without him NOTHING was made
that has been made.

Infinity & Eternity are

ALL around us ... every second

Can you count the leaves of ANY TREE?

- **Raindrops Falling**
- **Predict Clouds Forming**
- **Catch the Wind**
- **Count the Sunbeams**

Uncountable
Infinitely CHANGING
Everyone Unique
Endless, Eternal Variety



3 Through him **ALL** Things were made;
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that has been made.

Infinity & Eternity are

ALL around us ... every second

THOSE Infinity of Varieties are NOTHING Compared to:

- **Feelings of the HEART**
- **Fears of the Future**
- **Fantasies of Freedom**
- **Faith in the Finest**

Uncountable
Infinitely CHANGING
Every HURT Unique
Endless, Eternal Variety



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was the **LIGHT** of ALL Humankind.

5 The **LIGHT** shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not overcome it.

LIGHT & LIFE ... what IS the **KEY** to **LIFE** in the
Fog of the Present

WORD is Christ ... His Life is *the* **LIFE** of Humankind

WORDS are clear ... yet they reach to **ETERNITY**

WORDS are clear ... they touch the **DEPTHS** of **LIFE**



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and the darkness has not overcome it.

Wherever is the **LIGHT** ... that is also the
LIFE of Humankind

Words are Clear ... the Reach is **Eternally INFINITE**

Words are Clear ... the Power is **Eternally ALMIGHTY**

Darkness **CANNOT** stand the **SMALLEST** Flame's Flicker



4 In him was **LIFE**, and that **LIFE**
was the **LIGHT** of ALL Humankind

His **LIFE** is **OUR LIGHT** ... ALL Persons' **LIGHT**

Morals – Virtues – Principles – Honor = **LIGHT**

Plato's List of Virtues from his *Republic*, 427-347 BC

Wisdom

Self-Restraint/Temperance

Courage

Justice

Aristotle Added to Plato in his *Ethics*, 384-322 BC

Generosity

Truthfulness

Wit

Magnificence

Friendliness

Greatness of Soul



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Apostle Paul's list of 20 Virtues ... LIGHT

1 Corinthians 12, Romans 12, Romans 14-18

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| 1. Love | 8. Forgiveness | 15. Hope |
| 2. Compassion | 9. Gratitude | 16. Goodness |
| 3. Kindness | 10. Wisdom | 17. Faithfulness |
| 4. Humility | 11. Peace | 18. Self-Control |
| 5. Gentleness | 12. Righteousness | 19. Purity |
| 6. Patience | 13. Joy | 20. Understanding |
| 7. Tolerance | 14. Endurance | |

www.PreciousHeart.net/fm/Character.pdf



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Thomas Aquinas' 7 Heavenly **Virtues**

Four Cardinal Virtues following Plato

- 1 **Wisdom** or prudence: docility, conscientiousness, impartiality, tact
- 2 **Courage** or fortitude, moral courage, righteous indignation, industry
- 3 **Temperance** or self-restraint: purity, humility, patience, meekness, thrift
- 4 **Justice** impartiality, devotion, obedience, gratitude to God

Three Theological Virtues from St. Paul

Faith ~ Hope ~ Love



4 In him was **LIFE**, and that **LIFE**
was the **LIGHT** of **ALL** Humankind

We've mentioned before ... that the **GREATEST**
Most Valuable Parts of **LIFE** are the **HARDEST**

So to is the Christ's Life **BEING** as our Light
Wisdom – Justice – Honor – Goodness

Every Human Being has some grasp of these ...

Even some grasp of Paul's Greatest **LIGHTS**

Faith ~ Hope ~ Love

John shows us so much more



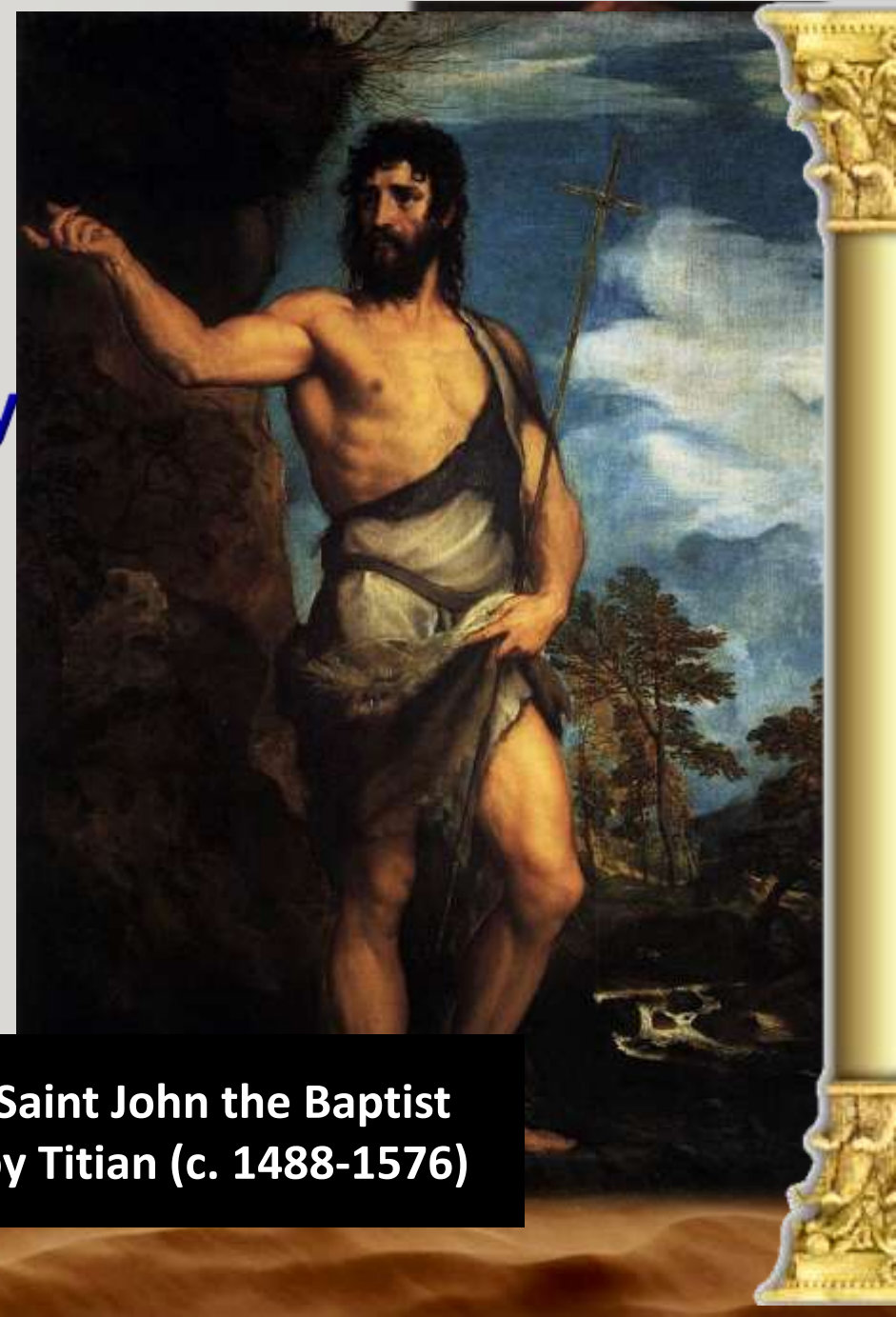
John 1:6-7

6 There was a man sent from God
whose name was John.

7 He came as a **WITNESS** to testify
concerning that **LIGHT**,
so that through him

ALL might Believe.

C.H. Spurgeon said: **Dear friends,**
if you and I know our real destiny,
and are the servants of God,



Saint John the Baptist
by Titian (c. 1488-1576)

**C.H. Spurgeon said: we are sent that
men might, through us, believe in Jesus.
John was a special witness; but we ought
all to be witnesses to complete
the chain of testimony.**

**Every Christian man should reckon that
he is sent from God to bear witness to the
Great Light
that, through Him, men might believe.**



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7 He—John the Baptist—came as a
WITNESS to testify concerning that **LIGHT**
so that through him

ALL might Believe

LIGHT that **ALL** know a **LITTLE**
Through which God Created ALL

We almost spin in circles ...
John explains MUCH MORE ...



John the Baptist Preaching
c. 1665, by Mattia Preti

8 He himself was not the **LIGHT**;
he came only as a witness to the **LIGHT**.

9 The **TRUE LIGHT** that gives **LIGHT**
to everyone was coming into the world.

10 He was in the world, and
though the world was made through him,
the world did not recognize him.

11 He came to that which was his own,
but his own did not receive him.

Morals – Virtue = Light ... Sin & Forgiveness

Love the World ... Love God



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12 Yet to **ALL** who **DID** receive him,
to those who **BELIEVED** in His Name,
He gave the right to

become **CHILDREN** of **GOD**—

13 children born **NOT** of natural descent,
NOR of human decision or a husband's will, but
BORN OF GOD.

In the Beginning was the Word ... Word was God

In Him was LIFE ... LIFE was LIGHT of Humankind

But there's MORE—MORE Light & Life **BORN** of God



**14 The Word became flesh
and made His dwelling among us.
We have seen His Glory,
the glory of the One and Only Son,
who came from the Father,
Full of Grace & Truth.**

**ONLY as a Child of God ...
Natural Life & Light ... this side of heaven
Once One Believes ... Accepts Forgiveness
New Life & Light **Connect us to the Eternal****



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**15 John testified ... cried out, saying,
“This is the one I spoke about when I said,
‘He who comes after me has surpassed me
because He was before me.’ ”**

**There's a man goin' 'round takin' names
And he decides who to free and who to blame
Everybody won't be treated all the same
There'll be a golden ladder reachin' down**

When the man comes around

**John the Baptist ... His LIGHT Shined BRIGHT
People SAW in him Honor, Truth, God's Word
He spoke for God ... even Religious ELITE saw**



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16 And of His fulness have ALL we received,
and grace for grace.

17 For the Law was given through Moses;
Grace & Truth came through Jesus Christ.

One hundred million angels singin'
Multitudes are marchin' to the big kettledrum

Voices callin', voices cryin'
Some are born and some are dyin'

It's Alpha and Omega's Kingdom COME

LAW Pointed to Truth ... **Christ IS TRUTH**



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Just so you are NOT mistaken ...

In case you STILL have NOT Listened ...

Just to be SURE you fully Grasp

John Baptist clarifies ... that is ...

CROWD saw LIGHT in John – God's **LIGHT**

CROWD saw TRUTH in John – Honor of **Soul**

CROWD *knew* from their hearts – JOHN was **REAL**

So the Crowd would KNOW ... John the Baptist:

18 No one has seen God at any time.

**The only begotten Son, who is in the
bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.**



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C.H. Spurgeon says of John 1:18

We do NOT WANT to see God apart from Christ.

I am perfectly satisfied to see the Eternal Light through his own chosen medium, Christ Jesus.

Apart from that medium, the light might blind my eyes. "No man hath seen God at any time."

Who can look on the sun?

What mind can look on God?

**But Christ does not hide the Father;
he manifests him. "The only-begotten Son,
which is in the bosom of the Father,
he hath declared him."**



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From John 1:1-18 ... a Journey like No Other

I hear babies cry – I watch them grow

They'll learn much more – Than I'll ever know

And I think to myself – What a wonderful world



Before eternity began ... Christ, the WORD

Christ's Life IS the ... LIGHT of Humankind

John the Baptist ... came as a Witness of the Light

That ALL who Believe in Christ might become

Children of God

