

The Word as Creator **(John 1:3)**

1. What does this hymn say about the Word (Jesus)?

A. Divinity – co-eternal, co-existent, co-essential/co-equal

B. Creativity (v.3)

C. Vitality (v.4)

D. Humanity (v. 14) – What is meant by “incarnation”? What are the implications for ministry?

2. Word (Jesus) as Creator (1:3)

A. The claim – the Word is the agent of creation

B. Why was this necessary to say? The teaching of Gnosticism.

2 Things existed: God and Matter



Matter was inherently corrupt



and “emanation” from God created the world



God is divorced from the world of matter

- C. John rebuts that by declaring that the Word created the world (cf. Psalm 33:6, Col. 1:16, 17)

3. Life Application:

- God's word gives birth to what God desires in our lives (see Genesis 1:1)
- Exposure to the Word leads to transformation of our lives (See Ezekiel 37:1-7)