

While John paints a beautiful picture of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, he also establishes some of the most important doctrines essential to our faith.

John 1:1–3 (NKJV) ¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

John 1:1–3 (NLT) ¹In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He existed in the beginning with God. ³God created everything through him, and nothing was created except through him.

Genesis 1:1 (NKJV) In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Hebrews 11:1–3 (NKJV)

By Faith We Understand

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. ²For by it the elders obtained a *good* testimony. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.

Hebrews 11:6 (NKJV) But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Psalms 90:2 (NKJV) Before the mountains were brought forth, Or ever You had formed the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, You *are* God.

John 17:5 (NKJV) And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

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John 1:3–5 (NLT) ³ God created everything through him, and nothing was created except through him. ⁴ The Word gave life to everything that was created, and his life brought light to everyone. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it.

Genesis 1:2 (NKJV) The earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was* on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

This means that when you know Jesus Christ as your Lord, your eternity with Him in glory is assured as well.

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Ephesians 1:4–5 (NLT) ⁴ Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. ⁵ God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure.

2 Timothy 1:9 (NLT) ⁹ For God saved us and called us to live a holy life. He did this, not because we deserved it, but because that was his plan from before the beginning of time—to show us his grace through Christ Jesus.

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Colossians 1:15–17 (NLT)¹⁵ Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation, ¹⁶ for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can't see— such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together.

1 Corinthians 8:6 (NLT) ⁶ But for us, There is one God, the Father, by whom all things were created, and for whom we live. And there is one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things were created, and through whom we live.

God the Father and Jesus the Son created the worlds together, in unison with each other and the Holy Spirit as He hovered over the face of the earth.

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John 14:6 (NKJV) Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the **life**. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

John 1:3–4 (NKJV) ³All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. ⁴ In Him was life, and **the life was the light of men**.

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THE PERSON—vv. 1-5

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1. Past—"In the beginning was the Word."
2. Power—"And the Word **was with God.**"
3. Person—"And the Word **was God.**"
4. Permanence—"He has always been alive and is himself God."—LB¹

¹ Croft M. Pentz, [*Expository Outlines on the Gospel of John*](#), Dollar Sermon Library Series (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1974), 13.