

Advent 2012 **The Word Became Flesh**

## **"In the beginning was the Word"**

John 1:1-2, 14

### **I. JESUS IS CALLED THE WORD OF GOD.**

**A. *It is foretold in Old Testament Wisdom Literature***

(Prov 8:22-31, 3:19, Psa 33:6, Col 1:16-17).

**B. *It is clearly stated in the New Testament.***

1. Jesus is the Word of God (Rev 19:11-13).
2. Jesus is the Wisdom of God (1 Cor 1:22-24).

**C. *The meaning of logos.***

1. The Jews understood logos as the self-revelation of God.
2. The Greeks understood logos as the rational mind of the universe.

### **II. SOME APPLICATIONS FOR OUR LIVES.**

**A. *Jesus is the revelation of the mind and nature and purpose of God*** (Jn 14:6-11, Heb 1:1-3).

1. Truth is a person (Jn 5:36-40).
2. Truth is revealed as Christ is revealed in us (1 Cor 1:30, Rom 8:29, Gal 4:19).
3. Christ is revealed in us as we die to our own life and surrender to His life in us (Gal 2:20, Col 3:3-4).

**B. *Christ is the rational mind that orders the universe*** (Col 1:16-17, Heb 1:3).

1. Therefore, we should learn His ways (Matt 11:28-30, Jas 1:22-25, Eph 1:17, Prov 4:7).
2. If we embrace the Word and Wisdom, our lives will be blessed (Prov 2:1-8, 8:32-35, Rom 12:2).
3. If we reject the Word and Wisdom our lives will be cursed (Prov 8:36, Deut 11:26-28).