

JOHN 1:1-5 (ESV)

- I. Before the darkness, there was _____.
 - A. Before the darkness that you know and presuppose, there was something else; _____.
 - B. Also before the darkness, there was the Word: a _____ being who at the beginning.
 1. First, the Word was not a _____ being.
 2. Second, the Word is a _____ figure in _____ relation to God.
 - a. For the Greeks, if you could understand the Word, you would understand the _____ of existence.
 - b. For the Jews, if you could understand Wisdom, you would know the secret _____ of God's sovereign, creative mind.
 - c. According to John, in the Word you find a personal being who was connected with God — and in Him, you find the _____ of _____ and existence.
 3. This distinct figure was also _____.
 - a. John teaches here a first principle of the _____: within the eternally existing God, we find separate persons that — though distinct — share the same _____.

b. God in eternity past has existed as one Being with three Persons in perfect _____.

4. The Word, as a member of the Godhead, participated with God in _____ all things.

- As God _____ creation into existence (in Genesis 1:3), so the personal Word _____ God's purpose through Creation (John 1:3)

C. Because the Word has power of life in Himself, He has the _____ to bring light to all darkness, even the darkness of _____.

II. Do you believe that the darkness in your _____ and _____ would be overcome, rather than that darkness overcoming the light?

- The major teaching point of passages like Genesis 1 and John 1 is this: a personal, powerful God exists who is _____ and _____ to overcome the darkness.

III. Only the _____ can overcome your _____.

A. The Word _____ that He would overcome your darkness (John 8:12, 12:46)

B. He has _____ accomplished it, though it is not yet _____ come to be (John 20:1).