



Deeper Life Notes

Faith Comes by Hearing: “Creation by Word” (John 1:1-14), Pastor Dan Osborn: January 19, 2020

So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ. - Romans 10:17 ESV

Read: Genesis 1:1-2:3 -- What do you discover about creation?

John 1:1-14 -- What do you discover about the Word?

Discuss: What differences are there between Christian & non-Christian worldviews?

*What are you willing to **die for?** ... **defend?** ... **discuss?**

“We believe in **one God, Creator of all things**, holy, infinitely perfect, and eternally existing in a loving unity of three equally divine Persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Having limitless knowledge and sovereign power, God has graciously purposed from eternity to redeem a people for Himself and to make all things new for His own glory.”¹

Distinctives of the EFCA:

“In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, charity; in all things, Jesus Christ.”²

1. **A believers’ church** - membership consists of those who have a personal faith in Jesus Christ
2. **Evangelical** - committed to the inerrancy and authority of the Bible and the essentials of the gospel
3. **A humble orthodoxy** in partnership with others of like faith
4. Christian **freedom with responsibility** and accountability
5. **Rational and relational**, i.e. the head and the heart, dimensions of Christianity
6. Right of each local church to govern its own affairs with a spirit of interdependence with other

¹ EFCA Statement of Faith, #1

² Origin unknown

THREE TRUTHS ABOUT THE WORD FROM JOHN 1:1-14

PURPOSE: To stir our hearts to delight in God and live in His truth!

1. THE WORD IS _____³

- a) He is God (v.1)
- b) He is Creator (v.3) -- see also Genesis 1:2-3, Colossians 1:16, Hebrews 1:1-3
- c) He is Life and Light (vv.4-5, 9)
- d) He is God in the flesh (v.14)

9 approaches to delighting in God:

- Ponder the Word as the Uncaused Cause -- we and our world are not a coincidence!
- Meditate on the Word's love, joy, peace, kindness: they are from eternity & will be forever!
- Enjoy the beauty of God's creation
- Welcome the Word as Wooer & Welcomer
- Remind yourself that the Word as Indweller is among us, with us, & in us
- Receive the Word as Life-giver (Colossians 1:27)
- Allow the Word to light your path/way as Light-giver (John 1:4-5, 8:12, 12:46, 14:9)
- Celebrate the Word as Redeemer
- Marvel at the Word who is the glue that holds all things together (Colossians 1:17)

2. THE WITNESS IS REVEALED - *John the Baptist (John 1:6-14)*

3. THE WORD IS _____⁴ - *Notice 4 things about the world:*

- a) The world is created by the Word (John 1:3, Hebrews 11:1-3)

***Define Faith:**

- b) The world is occupied by God's image bearers (Genesis 1:26-27)
- c) The world is estranged from God (John 1:10-11)
- d) The world is welcomed by God's grace and truth (John 1:12)

***Apply:** How do these truths stir your heart to **delight** in God and **live** in His truth?!?

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⁴ REFERENCED

