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MESSAGE SERIES: John Message: The Word Sermon Text: John 1:1-18 Pastor Darrell Jones Grace Evangelical Church January 13, 2019

The Word

I. The Word – Divine nature of Jesus (1-5)

- A. Why does John refer to Jesus as "the word"?
- B. Jesus The Word of The Father
- C. Jesus is the light sent from God

II. Word became flesh - The Human Nature (6-14)

- A. The Word became flesh
- B. The Word dwelt among us
- C. We beheld His glory

III. John the Baptist's testimony to Christ (15-18)

- A. When the Light had appeared, the witness called attention to it.
- B. The Law entered thru Moses
- C. Grace entered the world thru Jesus.

THIS IS THE FIRST WEEK OF THE 2019 SPRING SESSION			
GETTING TO KNOW YOU			
* Last Sunday Pastor Darrell spoke about John's relationship with Jesus, pointing out that the two were very close friends. In school, who was your best friend; how did you become friends; what kinds of memories do you have growing up with them?			
* What caught your attention with this week's sermon?			
DIGGING DEEPER – Please read John 1:1-18 together 1* Verse 1 - What three truths does John tell us about the Word (Jesus) in			
verse 1?			

2* Many non-Christian groups translate John 1:1 as "the Word was a god"? Why would some people and some religious groups want to incorrectly translate verse 1?

3* Verse 4 - What does John mean when he writes "in Him was life"? Read the following verses. What kind of life does Jesus want for you?

lohn 3:16 –	life	
lohn 6:35 –	of life	
lohn 10:10 – life		
lohn 11:35 –		and life
lohn 14:6 –	<i>-</i>	, and the life
lohn 14:19 –		and have life

4* Verse 5 – Have you experienced complete darkness such as being in a cave? If so describe what it was like? How does physical darkness relate to spiritual darkness?

5* Verses 6-8 – John states that John the Baptist was sent as a witness (not an attorney or debater) to testify about Jesus. What does it mean to be a witness in a court? What does it take to be a witness for Christ in everyday life?

6* Verses 10-13 John brings attention to 3 groups – one group that didn't recognize Christ; one group that rejected Him; and one group that received Him. What does it mean to "receive" Jesus? What "benefits" are there of receiving Jesus? (Also read John 16:33, 1 John 5:4-5 for further benefits of receiving Jesus)

TAKING IT HOME

The word "believe," in various forms, is used 98 times in the Gospel of John. How does your belief about Jesus affect the way you live your life?

PRAYER REQUESTS (be sure to save 15-30 minutes for prayer)

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REMEMBER: Typical G3 meetings are set up to last for 90 minutes. Of course there is time to talk afterwards, but please be aware of the clock ESPECIALLY if you are meeting in someone's home or you have children in the nursery or in Kid's Church.