Northwest Bible Church – Feb. 12, 2012 – Worship Service - Alan Conner

**John 1:1**

*The Word Is God!*

               Intro

                    The **Prologue** of the Gospel of John 1:1-18 is like a preface or introduction.

               It has its own unique **form of parallelism** which adds beauty and symmetry and emphasis to his words.   John 1:1-2, 4, 11.

               The Prologue functions to introduce us to the person of Jesus Christ.

                                1- The Word is God, the Creator, the Light (source of truth).

                                2- The Word became a man.

                                3- The world did not receive Him, but rejected Him.

                                4- Those born of God receive Him by faith and become children of God.

                                5- Jesus Christ, the only Son, alone can explain God.

               These are themes and truths that will **echo through the book**.

**A. THE DESCRIPTION OF THE WORD - LOGOS.**

               Phrase #1 –  *“In the beginning was the Word.”*  The Word is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

*“In the beginning”* –

*“was”* -

*“the Word”*  -

               Phrase #2 -  *“and the Word was with God.”*  The Word is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

*“with”* -

               Phrase #3 – *“and the Word was God.”*   The Word is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

                                a) The Jehovah Witness error.

                                b) Function of a Greek article (“the”) -

                                c) Other verses in John on the deity of Christ - John 1:14; 5:18; 8:58, 24; 10:30, 33;                                                       12:40-41; 20:28.

                                d) OT confirmations –  Is. 9:6; Mic. 5:2.

**B.  JOHN 1:1 REFUTES THREE HERESIES.**

                    1) Ebionites – Deny the ­­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.  (see Phrase 1).

                    2) Sabellians – Deny the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Persons in the Godhead. (see Phrase 2)

                    3) Arians – Deny the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.   (see Phrase 3)

**C. THE DEITY OF CHRIST IS INDISPENSABLE TO THE GOSPEL.**

                    1) If Jesus is not God -

                    2) If Jesus is God -

                                a)

                                b)

                                c)

                                d)