

The Word

The “Word” here is translated from the Greek *logos*, which means (1) a thought or a concept and (2) the expression of that thought. *Strong’s Concordance* defines it as “something said (including the thought); a topic (subject of discourse); reasoning (the mental faculty) or motive.” Boyce W. Blackwelder describes it as follows:

The noun *logos* (from the verb *lego*, to collect, put words side by side, relate, speak, say) means reason, speech, or word. It signifies not only a word in a grammatical sense, but a spoken word which implies an idea or concept. It denotes, therefore, both the thought inwardly conceived in the mind and outwardly expressed through the vehicle of language. ¹

David Bernard wrote in *The Oneness of God* concerning *logos*:

In Greek usage, *logos* can mean the expression or plan as it exists in the mind of the proclaimer—as the play in the mind of a playwright—or it can mean the thought as uttered or otherwise physically expressed—as a play is enacted on stage. John 1:1 says the Logos existed in the mind of God from the beginning of time. When the fullness of the time was come, God put that plan in action. He put flesh on that plan in the form of the man Jesus Christ. The Logos is God expressed. Flanders and Cresson say, “The Word was God’s means of self disclosure...”

(Excerpt from John: The Gospel That Had to Be Written (Studies in the Gospel of John) by Fred E. Kinzie, Hazelwood, MO: Word Aflame Press, Apple Books, 1995, 14 of 103)

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¹ Boyce W Blackwelder, *Light from the Greek New Testament* (Grand Rapids: Baker Book House), 40.