

Rev 4:⁸And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say, "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!"⁹And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, ¹⁰the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying, ¹¹"Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created."

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ. Amen.

John was the only apostle who was privileged to see the ascended Christ in heaven. I am firmly convinced that in order to understand who Jesus really is, you have to see him through the eyes of John as you read the book of Revelation. There you see Jesus in all his glory. John was privileged to see Jesus sitting on the Throne in all of Jesus' ascended glory. This is the all-powerful one in the fullness of Deity and still marked with his humanity. It is your view of Jesus the Christ that will determine how far you grow in the Christian faith. We have no pipsqueak God. It is essential and vital to who you are in Christ to see Jesus as victorious over death and sitting on the Throne reigning over the universe holding all things together in this universe by the power of his Word. The visions John received, recorded in Revelation, give to us the clearest view of how Jesus reigns supreme over all the creation and heaven itself. There is no power higher than Jesus. He is the higher power; no, he is the highest power. It is your view of Jesus that will determine how far you will grow in the Christian faith. This is no infant meek and mild. He is Jesus and every knee will bow down to him and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. It is time for us to see Jesus for who he truly is. I see the greatest sin of our day is that of lowering Jesus to be kind of just like us and elevating ourselves to be above

Jesus. We have lowered God and elevated man. This is why we no longer accept the Word of God at face value and why we no longer worship Jesus in the way he deserves to be worshipped. He has become less important and we have become more important in our eyes and may the Lord forgive us for this. If every Christian could see Jesus reigning supreme as John did, all the churches would be so full of people we would have waiting lines outside the door for people wanting to come in and kneel down and worship Jesus with God's people. The sin of our day is our having a puny view of Jesus. May our view of Jesus increase greatly by God's grace and truth.

Out of all the twelve disciples, John was the closest to Jesus. In his Gospel he is called the beloved. The other Gospel writers focus more or less on what Jesus did and taught, the miracles and the teachings. John tends to zero in more on who Jesus was and is, proclaiming Jesus to be God on every page, especially as John brings out the I am statements of Jesus. In the Old Testament God calls Himself I am from which we get the term Yahweh. Jesus calls Himself I am in John's Gospel. Jesus Himself claims to be God.

John is the only Gospel writer that takes us back in time to see Jesus in his former glory existing before time in eternity past; you see, Jesus had no beginning. John writes, in the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. Jesus was eternally preexistent. Please do not think that Jesus came into existence when the virgin Mary gave birth to Jesus. No, this is when Jesus lowered himself as the Father sent Jesus from heaven to save us from our sins. This is what we call the incarnation, God taking on human form. But the preexistence of Jesus is something that is unquestionable. The term "was" as "In the beginning was the word" is in the Greek imperfect tense. The verse could read like this, "In the beginning was continuing the Word, and the Word was continuing with God, and the Word was continually God." This is where it helps to know just a little bit about Greek grammar, or you could twist these words to mean anything that you want them to mean as do various cults

today that deny the Deity of Christ. Jesus has no beginning and of course He has no end. He is eternally God.

This is one reason reading John thrills the socks off me as I read the Gospel of John and the book of Revelation. John reveals Jesus the Christ to us most clearly for who Jesus is. John sees Jesus from an eternal perspective in his Gospel taking us to eternity past and in the book of Revelation taking us into eternity future. What an incredible vision of Christ. We cannot survive today in these difficult times without such a magnificent view of Jesus. Sometimes we struggle and wrestle and agonize so much because our view of Jesus is so small and inaccurate. This is one of the main reasons we want all of you in Bible study so that which is eternal can be revealed to you and encourage your soul. Your quality of life is determined by how you see God and how deeply you know God.

God the Father and God the Son have always dwelt together in perfect unity. They are separate from each other as far as personhood but completely one in essence. There is a relationship of continued joyous intimacy. The Holy Spirit is not mentioned here but elsewhere in Scripture we see this perfect fellowship of God the Father and God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

Verse 3, "All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made." Jesus is God the creator. Jesus is not part of the creation. Jesus is not a created being. Jesus is above the entire creation for He himself is the creator. There nothing that is made that he did not make. The Bible says, "For by Him all things were made." The creation itself is one of the biggest God pointers that we have. The creation points to creator God. People instinctively know that there is a God by looking at the creation. The problem with those who deny the existence of God or who refuse to believe is that they suppress the truth of God's existence for a lie. Sadly, they are very much deceived. The Bible says, ¹ The Heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above [proclaims](#) his handiwork (Psalm 19:1).

In my studies I came upon this quote, "There are about 100 billion stars in the average galaxy, and there are one hundred million galaxies in known space. Einstein believed that we have scanned with our largest telescopes only one billionth of theoretical space. This means we have probably something like 10 octillion stars in space which is 10 with twenty-seven zeros behind it, and Jesus created them all (R Kent Hughs, John pg 17). All of this points to God's existence. The universe shouts the existence of the creator, but people have dull hearts, sinful hearts that tune out those shouts of God. The Bible calls this dullness of hearing. All things are held together by the power of his Word. He is the force that holds all things together, from the smallest atom to the greatest galaxy.

Verse 4 answers the question, "Where did life come from." The strict atheistic evolutionist can never fully answer the question of where did life begin? They of course will say certain atoms or elements came together and we will ask. Where did those atoms come from or how were those elements developed? The problem of origins cannot nor ever be answered by those who see no God. There is an Intelligent Designer behind the whole process and His name is Jesus. Life comes from Jesus. That is the answer to the origin of life. Where did life come from or where did life originate? The answer is Jesus. "In him was life." Life is a precious gift from God. Life is a sacred gift from God. I have been in birthing rooms and seen children take their first breath. Yes, I certainly sense that this life came from God. I have been in the room when people have taken their last breath and gone on to be with Jesus. Eternal life is a sacred gift from Jesus. Life comes from Jesus as does the gift of eternal life. Jesus came that we might have eternal life with Him. Your life and my life points to Jesus who has given us the gift of life. Your body shouts forth the existence of Jesus because it is Jesus who gave you life. May God give us ears to hear what His creation has been singing and shouting of God's glory.

Jesus is the originator of life and Jesus is the light. The Bible says Jesus lives in unapproachable light. When we see Jesus, we will finally see the light in all his glory and the brightness of His light is indescribable. I believe John is referring to the light of Jesus in a spiritual way; that Jesus is full of truth. There is no darkness in Jesus. Jesus has no dark side. He is pure and holy light, full of grace and truth. The light of Christ brings with it warmth and truth, no lies or deceptions.

John the Baptist was chosen to bear witness to the light, to point out that Jesus was the true light from heaven.

These verses are rather sad indeed. **John 1:10-11(ESV)** ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to his own,[£] and his own people[£] did not receive him.

One of the thrills that I have experienced being a father is visiting our children at college. The drive was rather long but there is so much anticipation on the way. I just can't wait to see them. The moment I see their eyes for the first time I think, that is my son or that is my daughter. I am so thrilled to see them and to be honest, at least for the moment, they are glad to see me.

But this was not true of Jesus. He came to his own and his own people did not receive Him. Back during the days of the depression there was a farming family who had next to nothing and struggled just to keep what they had. Times were never tougher, but they did have their one son. The love for their son was more than can be verbally expressed. All their struggles were worth it because they loved their son so much. Somehow, they were able to save enough those difficult years to send him to college. They gave up everything humanly possible to keep him in college. But that inner ache of missing him was just too much. They scrimped and saved even more so they could make that long journey to visit their son and surprise him. They arrived on campus, poorly dressed in their farm clothes. From a distance

the father saw his son walking with a few people. He was overcome with excitement and ran up to him and said, "Son it is your father." The son looked at his father without showing any sign of recognition. The father said, "Son it's your father and mother. "We've come to see you." The son was probably embarrassed by their poverty and said to his friends, "I don't know who this is, he must be crazy"(R Kent Hughs pg.26).

Jesus full of love, full of light, full of grace and truth came to his own and they rejected him. And people still reject him to this day.

John looked at Jesus straight into his eyes and saw an ocean of grace. John looked at Jesus and saw heavenly light. John looked at Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration and saw Jesus in his former glory. John writes, we have received grace upon grace. God's grace in your life leads to further grace which in turn leads to further grace and this too leads to further grace upon grace upon grace and all the way into heaven. This is why John wrote this Gospel, so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. Amen and Amen.