

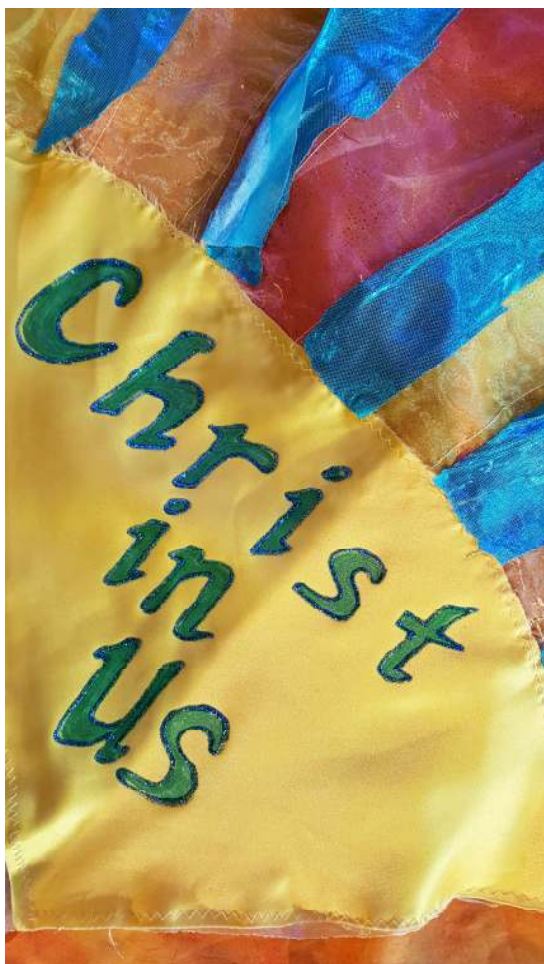
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The Word Became Flesh April 11, 2017 Suzi Armstrong

John 1.1-5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³**All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being** that has come into being. ⁴**In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men.** ⁵**The Light shines in the darkness**, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

- In the beginning – right from the start – before there was anything else there was the Word.
- The “Word” contains the governing power behind ALL things.
- Nothing existed without the Word and the government of God to rule that that was created in the beginning.
- The Word, the governing power, WAS GOD!
- Everything that came into being was created by God, the Living Word.
- Jesus Christ in His preincarnate state (before He became flesh) was the Word.
- The Word is the Light of men.



Psalm 119.89-91 NIV

⁸⁹**Your word, LORD, is eternal; it stands firm** in the heavens.

⁹⁰Your faithfulness continues through all generations; you established the earth, and it endures.

⁹¹**Your laws endure to this day, for all things serve you.**

- The Word was in the beginning and will be in the end – it is eternal.
- The Word stands firm – it is legally settled. The Word governs.
- Govern is defined as to exercise continuous sovereign authority over.

Hebrews 1.3

And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and **upholds all things by the word of His power**. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high

- The government of God in His Word upholds all things.
- The term “uphold” is a legal term referring to government.
- Confirming again that the Word of God in the beginning and now is filled with the governing power of God.
- The Word of God is legally enforceable through all eternity.
- The “Word” is the final word!

John 1.14

And **the Word became flesh**, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

- Through the obedience of Jesus to eat only from the Tree of Life and to do and say only what the Father did and said, Jesus carried the governing power of the Word in Him.
- Remember Jesus laid down His godly attributes when He became man.
- The Word or sound from heaven not only ruled Jesus' life but Jesus was able to bring the sound and the substance – the governing substance – of the Word in heaven into the earth.
- Jesus carried the authority of the Word – the authority or the governing power of the Word.
- People recognized that when Jesus spoke, taught and ministered that it was extraordinary.

Mark 1.15

"The time is fulfilled, and **the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.**"

- The kingdom of God is here – the kingdom contains the government of God.
- Repent – turn to the government of God.
- Believe the Word and the government of God will fill your life.

Colossians 1.27

To whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is **Christ in you, the hope of glory.**

- Christ in us – the Living Word, the governing power of God *is in us!*
- We have been given authority, governmental authority, to rule and reign with Christ in the earth NOW!
- The earth is the Lord's and everything in it.
- The original mandate to Adam was to watch over, care for and steward the earth.

Matthew 10.7-8

⁷And **as you go, preach**, saying, 'The **kingdom of heaven is at hand.**' ⁸ **Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. Freely you received, freely give.**

- As we go out we need to KNOW that the government of God is in us.
- "To know" means to perceive, have direct knowledge, ascertain, discern, understand the importance of.
- When we go about our day KNOWING (perceiving, recognizing, and conscientiously connecting to that knowledge) that Christ who is the governing power of God is in us. The Word becomes flesh in us.
- The Word becoming flesh in us is connected to knowing, believing and being.
- Jesus was the Word. Christ is in us. The Word becomes flesh in us.
- What does the Word becomes flesh in us look like?
 - We know who we are and who we belong to.
 - Circumstances do not deter us because we can do all things through Christ (the governing power of God) who is in us and strengthens us.
 - Nothing is impossible for God – ALL governing power is in Him for all eternity. What He says goes.



Jeremiah 1.12

Then the Lord said to me, "You have seen well, for **I am watching over My word to perform it.**"

- God is making sure that His Word is fulfilled.
- He is enforcing the governing power of His Word.

Isaiah 55.11

So will **My word be which goes forth from My mouth; It will not return to Me empty,**
Without accomplishing what I desire,
And without succeeding *in the matter* for which I sent it.

Isaiah 43.10-13 NIV

¹⁰ **"You are my witnesses," declares the LORD,**

"and my servant whom I have chosen,
so that you may know and believe me
and **understand that I am he.**

Before me no god was formed,
nor will there be one after me.

¹¹ I, even I, am the LORD,
and apart from me there is no savior.

¹² **I have revealed and saved and proclaimed—**

I, and not some foreign god among you.

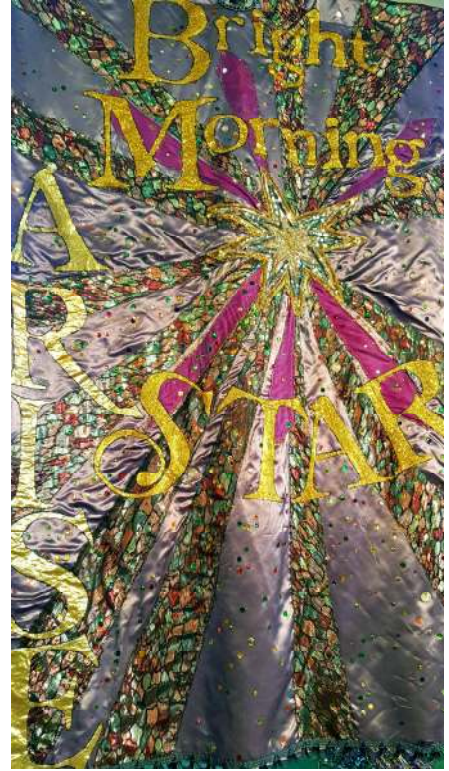
You are my witnesses," declares the LORD, "that I am God.

¹³ Yes, and from ancient days I am he.

No one can deliver out of my hand.

When I act, who can reverse it?"

- Witness is a legal term. A witness gives testimony to the truth in the court room.
- We are witnesses of the governing power of the Word of God. We have seen and encountered the power of His Word. We *KNOW* the government of God is in us.
- What God proclaims – the Word He speaks – cannot be reverse or overpowered.



1 Peter 4.11a NIV

If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God...

- Speaking the governing power of God bringing life and healing.
- Bringing the kingdom of God into the earth.

We speak to the City, we speak to the region, we speak to nations, we speak to our families, we speak to our workplaces, we speak to cultures, we speak to the broken, we speak the governing Word of God that was from the beginning. We speak life and hope. We speak deliverance. We speak transformation. We declare that the kingdom rule and reign of God is here and it is NOW! The sound of heaven resounds in us. We release the sound of heaven. The sound of the government of God. The sound of His righteousness and holiness. The sound of His saving grace. The sound of His mercy. The sound of Truth. The Word has become flesh in us and we no longer hold ourselves back, but we declare and decree the governing power of the Word! This is not a philosophy or an idea, but is the truth of the Word. We are witnesses and we testify to the truth. All authority is in the governing power of the Word. Everything must bow and align to the government of God.

We have been activated in this truth – we carry the governing power of God in us through Christ. WE can no longer be silent. We can no longer live life as usual. This is not information – something to hold in our intellect or something to ponder and forget. We are being called and released to resound the governing sound of heaven into the earth to bring change, to bring God’s governing kingdom into specific situations and scenarios. No longer will evil be given the upper hand because we are not releasing the governing Word!

We are positioned. We are empowered. We have the Living Hope. The governing Word is near us. It is in our hearts and in our mouths. We are sent ones. Let’s go kick the devil’s butt and bring the enemies of God into subjection. TODAY!!

