

THEOS LOGOS
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Session 1

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I said some things a while ago, I said welcome to a Theological Seminar presented by Theos Logos International. It's alright with me if you want to say that's all Greek to me, because that is really what it is almost all of it. The term "theological" or "theology" is an English word that is composed almost a transliteration from the Greek language. Two Greek words "Theos" which simply means God. The word "Logos" is a very often recurring word in the New Testament. Because the New Testament was written in Greek, you're familiar with it in many ways.

In John 1:1, 14, it appears several times in just a few verses. It says: *In the beginning was the Word, Well, that Greek word there translated "Word" in English is "Logos." and the Word Logos was with God, and the Word Logos was God. And the Word Logos was made flesh, and dwelt among us.*

Some of you here are not familiar with me or this church and I would like to make a few statements. We believe that the Bible, Holy Scripture, is, in fact, the Word of God. The Logos of God. We call this The Word. Don't we? I hope you're all familiar with that. In Greek we would say this is the Logos of God.

The word "Logos" means this – reasonable discourse. If you get into the word reasonable and the word discourse, you come out finally with the most accurate way you can present the word "Logos," and you say this, a rational communication of the subject of blank.

Do y'all know what biology is? You know what anthropology is? "Anthropos" means man. The "ology" there is logos. And all of the sciences of man, practically all of them, have "logy." Biology. Anthropology. And it's logos. There's a prefix in Anthropology. The prefix is "Anthropos" which means mankind or man and the suffix is "logos." Anthropos Logos. Anthropology. Biology being the study of both kinds of life – plant and animal. Bio – two kinds of life. Logy – Biology. A rational communication of the subject of life is what Biology means. Zoology means a rational communication of the subject of animal life.

When we say Theology or Theos Logos, we mean a rational communication of the subject of God. And that's what we want to do here. A reasonable rational understandable communication of the subject of God. I believe that's the most important thing that you could ever do or ever be involved in.

I said a moment ago that I and the church in which you are sitting, not the building, but the people that erected it. We believe that the Bible is the Word of God. We believe that it is absolutely true. It is totally reliable in its meaning. And Jesus, Himself, agrees with that. He made reference to scripture and then He made a statement. And the scriptures cannot be broken. They can't be broken. I believe that. I hope you do. Because, if we don't have a source a base upon which to

build our rationale communication of God, then we are in trouble. There are a multitude of ideas about God and the subject of God. A blur. A confusing, frightening blur of a myriad of ideas of whatever origin. But if it is in accord with this, then it's true.

Jesus said, verily I say unto not one jot nor one tittle shall pass away until all be fulfilled. The Evangelical or formerly the Fundamental Christian believe in the verbal inspiration of scripture. That God inspired every word in here. That's not quite sufficient. For Jesus said not one jot and in the Greek language that's the smallest letter in the Greek alphabet - Iota. He says not even a letter shall pass until all be fulfilled. So I'm glad God didn't spell any words wrong. That would have interrupted.

Then He went a little farther and He said or a "tittle." Tittle in the Greek is a diacritical marking. An accent mark is what it means. Or the dotting of an "i." So the Bible is true.

Another thing we believe to satisfy some of your curiosity is that Jesus Christ of Nazareth is, in fact, the Eternal and Almighty God. Jesus Christ is God.

I'm saying all of this in order for those of you who are strangers not to say what kind of a mess have I gotten into? We are Bible-believing Christians. But I'm hoping to be able to share with you some things that you have never had shared with you before. That might frighten you and I don't want it to.

So I want to give you a "standard" of what is true, and then we're going to proceed. Anything that is true, especially on the subject of God, there's a 3-part criteria that is infallible:

1. **It is scriptural.** This is important. I want to make a distinction between scriptural and biblical because we live in the most dangerous time that humans have ever lived or that Christians have ever lived. To say something is scriptural is more important than to say it is biblical. So, I want to make a distinction. We're going to have to coin new terms in order to communicate in this most dangerous perilous time that men have ever lived. There's a deception today upon the church. We don't even have to mention the world of lost men beyond the church. There is a deception upon the Church of Jesus Christ that's going to force us to be very definite, definitive, even descriptive. A description goes beyond a definition. Now, I want you to understand that somebody can come up with all kinds of things that are not to be believed or practiced today in the church, but they are biblical. Now, I want you to think about that. By Biblical, I mean -
 - a. **Biblical** – it is spoken of in the Bible; it is mentioned in the Bible. That's Biblical. Anything that you can find in here is Biblical. Alright. Judas went out and hanged himself. It's biblical for someone to go out and hang oneself. You see, that's Biblical. The Bible says if you be circumcised Christ shall profit you nothing. So, we can say that circumcision condemns one for sure. And the majority of American male babies are all condemned forever. Because, it's Biblical to say that circumcision causes Christ to profit nothing. Christ is no good or advantage to you. You see that? So, that's Biblical. Many things are biblical that are not to be believed and practiced today.

Now, by scriptural, I mean this:

- b. **Scriptural** – it is consistent. It appears in the Bible and it is consistent with the entirety of scripture. And it is to be believed and practiced by Christians today. That's what I mean by scriptural. It is to be believed and practiced by you as a Christian.

Now, our purpose here is that this be a Christian seminar. We have not gone out and tried to get non-Christian people come. And hopefully we're familiar with some Christian terms that we won't have to labor them. But we'll do it if we have to. Now,

I want everybody to relax and how much we cover will depend, I hope, on the Holy Spirit and upon our getting everything we teach. All of us. And I don't want to go on until we understand because they are connected point vital to one another.

The 3 things that prove something is true is this – It is scriptural, which is more than Biblical. Secondly,

2. **It is reasonable.** It does not violate the human intellect. If it does, it's not true. There's a terrible thing that's happening and has been happening since before we were born and it's an attitude if not a statement. And it's this: Don't ask why in the church or in religion, just believe it. That's an attitude that is very prevalent. That is extremely dangerous and it is wrong and it can be fatal. Don't ask why, just believe it. If there's no why, no understandable rational explanation of that which is presented as a truth, then don't accept it. Somebody says, oh boy, the Trinity. Amen. Three persons in one Godhead. Does that violate the human intellect? It does not. It does not. You say: Preacher do you understand it perfectly? No. No. But it doesn't violate my intellect. Neither does it yours. It is scriptural if it's true. It is reasonable if it's true.

Do y'all understand what believe is for? Don't ask why just believe it. That implies that believing brings realities that are beyond the range of the senses of the human body – eye, ear, nose, touch, taste, smell. That sort of thing. Realities that are beyond the range of human senses. It implies strongly that there are realities beyond the range of human understanding. And I love to say this and that's the reason I'm saying it. I love to say this: **THERE IS NO REALITY BEYOND THE RANGE OF HUMAN INTELLECT AND HUMAN UNDERSTANDING.** I want you to think about that. I hope you'll believe that. Anything that is real can be understood. If it cannot be understood, it is not real. It is non-existent. Now, there are a lot of things that I don't understand, but there are people who understand them. And, there may be things that we have not yet discovered, therefore no one at this point is understanding them. But, once they are discovered, they can be understood. I assure you.

Alright, what is our standard of what is truth? It is scriptural. If it relates to God, it is scriptural. It is within the range of human understanding. Thirdly, there is a God present here

3. **There is a God present here tonight and He will bear witness to what is true.**

If any of those 3 things are missing, then don't you believe it. It is scriptural. It is reasonable, and God's Spirit bears witness that it's true. Now, we can proceed.

Jeremiah 1:10 – Let's read it together. God is speaking to the prophet Jeremiah. He says:

Jeremiah 1:10: *See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to do something for God to root out that's one thing to pull down that's two things God wants Jeremiah to do for Him, and to destroy that's three things, and to throw down that's four things, to build, and to plant that's two more things.*

We have six things here that God has appointed his prophet Jeremiah to do. What God is saying in this to the prophet is that most everything that people know about Me is wrong. And what we're going to have to do if it's possible, is to take everything we know about God and get rid of it. Then start all over fresh and clean. What did Jesus mean when He said: Except you become as a little child, you shall in no wise enter into the Kingdom of Heaven? What is a child? Inquisitive. Wants to know about everything and knows little if anything. That's what God likes. And they are teachable, and they are aggravating in wanting to know about everything.

So, God says if you could just pull down and throw down and destroy and root out all of your previous misconceptions about God, then we could begin to build and to plant in your life. Most of what Christians know today they would be better off not knowing. That's what God said. Those times come. I believe we're there again. And we can make great progress. Now, what we're going to have to do is to ask you to bear with us. Those things which we run against that you already know about God that conflict, we want you to get rid of your conflicts for tonight and for tomorrow and let us give you some new planting and some new building. Now, if you keep your old stuff, you won't allow the new stuff. Jesus said you can't put new wine in old skins. That's the same thing. It's a principle. If you put new wine in an old bottle, which was an animal skin. Once they get old, they are dry and hard and brittle. And if you put new stuff in there and it begins to ferment and work new grape juice, boom, if it's not stretchable, it'll break. And it says both are destroyed – the bottle and the wine. New wine is truth. If you're an old bottle, new truth will break you. You'll be destroyed and truth will be lost in your life. That's what He keeps trying to tell us. Jesus also said this: "To him that has shall more be given. To him that has not shall be taken away even that which he has."

I want to show y'all something about the structure of truth. There are pre-requisite truths. Once you perceive a truth that's really true, it opens the door for two more truths. Once you discover two more new truths, that opens the door for four more new truths. And this is an ascending structure of truth. The moment that you get an error something that you accept about God that is not true, then it requires any further truth to be error also. And pretty soon, you've really got a mess. And what you think you know about God is all wrong. It is scriptural. It is not reasonable. And the Holy Spirit does not bear witness that it is true.

Now, God is saying through Jeremiah, we've got to get rid of all this stuff if it's not true. And then we can start over again. That's very important.

Now, I want to show you what the value of knowing the truth as it really is. I want you to turn with me to Hebrews chapter 5 and verse 9 – Heb 5: 9-14: *And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him; Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedec. Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are dull of hearing. For when for the time ye ought to be teachers now I want you to know God is addressing His people, Christians, through the apostle Paul, and He's criticizing. He's saying they have not progressed in truth the way they should have, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their faculties senses exercised what? to discern both good and evil.*

Here's what God is saying: Theological immaturity is a horrible affliction. You have not grown in theology. You are an theological infant and not a theological adult. God makes very clear here what the problem is with that. And He's criticizing. Now, some of you may be theologically immature because you just became a Christian yesterday. And God is still very happy with you. He doesn't expect you to be a theological adult.

Now, what is theology? Theos Logos – the rational communication of the subject of God. Now, what happens when you're theologically immature, is that you can't tell good from evil. Can you? Isn't that what the Bible says? You do not have faculties in condition to be able to tell what is good from what is evil. Now that's a very dangerous place to be. And God says that in Isaiah 5:20 and here's what He says, I'm going to read it. I hope you're there. Now, y'all put this down because you may theologically immature and, if you are, you won't be able to tell what is good and what is evil and so you're in danger of doing what God mentions here in Isaiah 5:20, Now listen to it - *Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness;* They're getting everything wrong everything backwards. You notice that? That which is good they say it's evil and those things which are evil they're saying, hey that's good. And whenever some light comes along, and that is a word used of true truth, they say that's darkness. And when some darkness comes along that's error that's of Satan, they say hey, man, that's light. And so, God says they're in trouble. *Woe. that put bitter for sweet,* Some bitterness comes along, and they say oh isn't that sweet. *and sweet for bitter!* And then God sends some sweetness and they say that's bitter. Okay. Now, that's what happening to a lot of God's people. And I'm just going to say it, that's happening to most of God's people today. They are theological infants. They are theologically immature. They have not really progressed in the knowledge of God. They have not had an opportunity at the rational communication of the subject of God to where they really understand. There's some kind of vague nebulous idea they have about church and Christ and God and salvation. They really can't share it even. And Satan loves that because he gets God's people in a place to where he can do what he wants to. Because he can bring something bad along and God's people will like it. They'll think it's good. And that's what's happening today and we'll see that as we progress. Let's go a little farther.

Now **that's another principle – The principle of theological maturity and immaturity enabling or disabling to tell good from evil.** Now, that was the principle of theological maturity or immaturity disability or ability to discern between good and evil.

Now this is going to be called - **The principle of first utterance.**

Now, I'll state it for you again: whenever God introduces a vital subject, a subject that's related to life and death. When God introduces a vital subject related to spiritual life or spiritual death of His people, the very first utterance is of greatest significance and of primary importance. When He introduces, or when He responds to a vital question, if you asked Jesus Christ a question and it was vital, the very first thing He says, would be the most important part. Now, I want you to look with me at Matthew 24. Chapter 24 of Matthew is the great prophetic chapter of the second coming of Christ back to the planet earth. Matthew 24:1-2 - *And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him for to shew him the buildings of the temple.* Now, they were bragging on how beautiful the temple complex was *And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.* Now, that startled them. They bragged on how beautiful the temple complex was and Jesus said there's not going to be one stone left upon another. And I'm sure they looked at each other in astonishment. And Jesus walked off by Himself. And He went up on the mount of Olives outside of the City of Jerusalem away from the temple complex and He sat down up there on the mountains. *And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately,* Now, I want you to note that. That's important. We believe in verbal inspiration. God says "privately" for a very important reason. What He is saying, He's saying only to the true disciples. To real Christians. The disciples came unto Him privately *saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?* Now that term "world" there means the end of the age; not necessarily the consummation of all things. God works in ages and that's a word that says the end of the age.

That's a very important question. They said *when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of Your coming,* Now see He was already there so they had an idea of His coming at the end of the age. I think the Holy Spirit inspired them beyond their knowledge. But that's what they asked Him. They are talking about the Second Coming of Christ at the end of the age that we're expecting at any moment. What shall be the sign of Your Coming and of the end of the age. Now, that's a vital question.

So, the very first breath that ushers itself up out of the lungs of Our Lord through the speech mechanism is the most important and primary thing. So what does He say, now the black letters and Jesus answered and said unto them, is not the first thing He said. Here's the first thing He said: ***Take heed that no man deceive you.*** Stop right there.

The principle of first utterance in response to vital inquiry or introduction of a vital subject. Deception – what is the primary most important, the most dominant sign of the 2nd coming of Christ at the end of this age? Deception. Deception of who? The poor lost man, the world? No. His disciples came unto to Him privately and He said ***Take heed that no man deceive you.*** The real disciples. The most important thing relating to the 2nd Coming of Christ and the end of the age is the deception of Christians.

The principle of first utterance. What was our last principle? Being able to discern between good and evil. And if we're theologically immature, we can't do that. That principle relates to this principle. The principle of first utterance. Deception of the Christian.

Let's turn to 1 Corinthians 12 and this is to verify our principle. It runs throughout the Bible. Now, that's the introduction of spiritual gifts or the gifts of the Holy Spirit. I want us to see something that I think is very important for us in the last days.

Now, here is God for this is God's Word not the word of Paul the apostle. Don't ever let that happen to you. He's going to introduce a vital subject. God is. He just dealt with something else unrelated to what He begins to deal with in Chapter 12. It's a transition. It's a change to an entirely different idea and subject. I believe it's a very vital subject. So, I believe the very first thing that God says on the subject is the primary and most important part. So now, He says this:

1 Corinthians 12:1 - *Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, That's the subject, I would not have you ignorant.* Now, here's what I believe is the most significant thing on the subject of spiritual gifts. Now, a nice way to say you are ignorant is to say I don't want you to be ignorant. That's a nice way of saying, you're ignorant. Now, let's read a little farther to see what God has to say about the subject of spiritual gifts. Verse 2 - *Ye know that ye were Gentiles, - that's before you were Christians. carried away unto these dumb idols, even as ye were led.*

He introduces a second idea – **DEMONIC INFLUENCE**. Before you were Christian, there was something that led you to worship idols that couldn't even speak. But I know you were carried away; you were influenced to do that. You were helped along in it. Demon influence.

Verse 3 - *Wherefore* – now that I've refreshed you about demonic influence causing you to worship idols that couldn't speak. *I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed:* I want you to note that. Well, I think everybody understood that without Him saying it. Don't you think you would have known that? Do you think the Holy Spirit would cause a man to say Jesus is "anathema." In the Greek here the word is "anathema" and it means doom to the pit forever. Means He's going to hell. So, God through the apostle writes to the Christians at Corinth and says wherefore, now that I've reminded you of demon influence before you were Christians. You experienced that. *I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit* would ever say Jesus Christ is doomed to the pit forever. What is God trying to say to us? He is saying that something has occurred in the Christian church in Corinth. And somebody who claimed to be speaking by the Holy Spirit had in fact blasphemed and cursed Jesus Christ. I want you to remember that.

Demonic influence. Cursing Christ. But I know that this Christian that did that did not know that he had done it for he had taken leave of his rational mind and something had caused him to speak in some kind of utterance that he himself did not understand but the demonic influence that caused it understood it full well and he said Jesus Christ is doomed to the pit forever.

Now, we establish our principle. It is a very real principle. The first thing that God utters in response to vital inquiry or the introduction of a vital subject is of greatest significance. So, the thing that is of greatest significance in the subject of spiritual gifts according to the Bible is

ignorance on the part of God's people, then demonic influence resulting from their ignorance, and then getting in some kind of thing they called spiritual gifts which was in fact demonic influence manipulations. I hope you understand that principle.

Now, another question: What is the nature of deception? Y'all tell me. The nature of deception - those things which are absolutely necessarily vitally apart of what it is. The nature of anything means what things are necessary to make it what it is.

It is utterly unthinkable and eternally impossible to be deceived and know that you are. Okay? Agreed?

Not know one is. Let me tell you something else about the nature of deception. It is impossible in the presence of truth. Impossible. In other word, all deception, when you're wrong but you think you're right, in belief or action, when you are deceived in some area that you believe that you're right, when in fact you're wrong. And you are acting according to that belief and you think you're doing the right thing but you're doing the wrong thing. Okay? In an area of absent truth. All deception occurs in an area of the absence of truth. If you know all the truth, it is impossible for you to be deceived. If you go wrong, you will do it knowingly and consciously. Alright. I want us to understand the nature of deception. I want you to know this scripture. Luke 18:8 and it says this. The context is the unjust judge and the widow.