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1. God is! In creation he expressed his self - the Godself. That expression is the going forth of God himself.

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Ἐν ἀρχῇ ἦν ὁ λόγος καὶ ὁ λόγος ἦν πρὸς τὸν θεόν καὶ θεὸς ἦν ὁ λόγος

2. God is the Word. The Word is God

Epiphany - *επιφάνεια* ("the appearance, miraculous phenomenon") a Christian celebration of the 'shining forth' or illumination, or revelation of God to us in human form, in the person of Jesus.

3. This is the core - or initial revelation

II Corinthians 4:6 For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

- 2 Christians believe that the God who created then became part of creation. All true knowledge of God is in that revelation.

John 1:14 Now the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

We saw his glory- the glory of the one and only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Καὶ ὁ λόγος σὰρξ ἐγένετο καὶ ἐσκήνωσεν ἐν ἡμῖν  
καὶ ἐθεασάμεθα τὴν δόξαν αὐτοῦ δόξαν ὡς μονογενοῦς παρὰ πατρός  
πλήρης χάριτος καὶ ἀληθείας

- 3 Jesus is the God of creation in creation as a creation. Absolutely God and absolutely man.
  - a. Since the Logos is God's Logos - it remains distinct - even when it is given to us
  - b. We may speak a word of and for God - but never become the Word of God!

Titus 2:11-15 The grace of God has dawned, bringing salvation for all mankind; by which we are disciplined to renounce ungodliness and worldly desires, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, while waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ. He sacrificed himself for us to free us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous to do good. Make this your theme; exhort and rebuke with all authority. Let no one disregard you.

- 4 As the "word" is spoken to people - God himself is present - he is always "The Word."
- 5 Jesus is the beginning of the true humanity. Man cannot be man without God.
  - a. Jesus is the reconciliation. In himself is the sanctification.
  - b. He is the wisdom of God - the only knowledge of God that is not an idol.
- 6 This becomes the means of God removing and replacing the veil of his glory.

Colossians 2:9-10

Take care not to allow anyone to captivate you through his philosophy or hollow deceptions based upon human traditions based in the world's crude principles, but and not in harmony with Christ.

It is in him that the full being of God dwells bodily, and it is in him that you are made complete; he is the Lord of all princes and authorities