

John 1 • Jesus the Son of God: Works & Witnesses

1. (v.1-4) Christ was responsible first for **creation**, then by His First Coming in effecting **new creation** through spiritual rebirth, and finally by His Second Coming in **re-creation**. It's a work that has a **beginning, middle**, and **end** for us.
2. (v.9-13) The power and authority of Christ is extended to include His power to re-create spiritually through **salvation**, which is also a work with a beginning, middle, and end for us as the processes of **justification** and **sanctification** ultimately lead to eternal **redemption**.
3. (v.15-18) This is why the **Law** was only a preparation for Christ to come and fulfill the **work** of the Father that He might reveal **the Father** to mankind.
4. (v.33) The fourth work is an insight into the **Trinity**, that He baptizes with the **Holy Spirit**.
5. (v.42, 47-48) He has intimate knowledge of **men**. Christ's awareness of us **individually** goes beyond merely being discerning or perceptive to being **all-knowing**.
6. (v.29) He **forgives** sin. He is not just a moral **reformer** but the only **antidote** for sin.
7. (v.50-51) He is the way to **heaven**. As the Son of God, Christ is God's "**staircase** to glory".

The seven names by which John proves Jesus is the Son of God:

1. He is the **Word**. (v.1-3, 14)
2. He is the **Light**. (v.4-13)
3. He is the **Son of God**. (v.15-18, 30-34, 49)
4. He is the **Christ – the Messiah**. (v.19-28, 35-42)
5. He is the **Lamb of God**. (v.29, 35-36)

6. He is the **King of Israel**. (v.43-49)
7. He is the **Son of Man**. (v.50-51)

The seven works confirming Jesus in each of these titles:

1. He **created** the world. (v.1-4)
2. He gives mankind **salvation**. (v.9-13)
3. He reveals **God**. (v.15-18)
4. He **baptizes** with the Spirit. (v.33)
5. He has **intimate** knowledge of men. (v.42, 47-49)
6. He **forgives** sin. (v.29)
7. He is the way to **heaven**. (v.50-51)

The seven witnesses to these things:

1. **John the Baptist** (v.7, 15, 29)
2. **John the Apostle** (v.14)
3. **The Old Testament Prophets** (v.30, 45)
4. **The Holy Spirit** (v.33-34)
5. **Andrew** (v.41)
6. **Philip** (v.45)
7. **Nathanael** (v.49)

Many ways but all through Christ:

1. John and Andrew through a **preacher** (John the Baptist).
2. Peter through **Andrew**.
3. Philip called by **Christ** personally.
4. Nathanael through the **Word** and Philip's **testimony**.