Celebrating Jesus Christ: His Extraordinary Being John 1:1-5 Douglas R. McLachlan <u>doug.mclachlan@ni.edu</u>

John in these opening verses of this rich theological treatise brings into focus for us **three infinitely great qualities** of Jesus, Who is the Word. Together they constitute a *profound reason* to celebrate Him, a *pointed justification* of His claims to exclusivity, and a *powerful motivation* to commend Him to others.

1. The Uniqueness of His Person (vv. 1, 2).

Three great evidences of the Word's uniqueness:

• His Remarkable Eternality – "In the beginning was the Word." He is the *Eternal One!*

• His Incomparable Company – "and the Word was with God." He is the *Other One!*

• His Categorical Deity – "and the Word was God." He is the *Divine One!* 2. The Vastness of His Power (v. 3).

- **3.** The Greatness of His Provision (vv. 4, 5). *Two colossal gifts:*
 - Rescue from the Curse of Death "In Him was life."

• Release from the Chaos of Darkness – "and the life was the light of men."