

Sunday, January 5, 2025

## Scripture Reading: John 1:(1-9), 10-18

*I have found that if you love life, life will love you back. —Arthur Rubinstein*

**L**ogos. Light. Life. These three words get a lot of mentions in today’s Bible reading. Let’s take a look at each of them.

**Logos.** In English, the Greek word “logos” translates to “word” in English. It refers not just to a spoken word, but a concept, a reasoning or a divine emanation. Jesus as the Logos means that he is the ultimate revelation of God to humanity. He embodies God’s wisdom, will and purpose. He was with God from the very beginning, involved in the creation of everything. This means that Jesus is not just a historical figure, but the eternal Son of God who sustains and governs all things.

**Light.** “In him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.” (vv. 4-5). Light is essential for life; it dispels darkness and brings clarity. Jesus is described as the light of the world, which means that Jesus brings truth and understanding to a world which, unfortunately, is shrouded in darkness. The light of Jesus points us to God and exposes the truth about our condition and our need for salvation.

The light of Jesus will bring light to our blind spots. Can you think about areas of your life where you need the light of Jesus to shine? Are there parts of your heart or mind clouded by fear, doubt or sin?

**Life.** “And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth” (v. 14). In Jesus is life — eternal life, abundant life, true life. Jesus is the source from which all life flows. By becoming flesh and dwelling among us, Jesus made it possible for us to experience this life firsthand. And what was his life all about? Grace and truth, verse 14 — virtues that bring healing and freedom to our broken world.

On the first Sunday of a new year, it’s a good idea to review these key theological ideas as they relate to Jesus — and to you! What word is Jesus speaking to you today that he’d be pleased for you to remember throughout 2025?

From what kind of light would you benefit this year? The light that will lead you out of the darkness of fear and despair?

What do you see happening in your life in 2025? Into what life is God leading you?

—Timothy Merrill

*Prayer: Lord Jesus, thank you for being the Logos, the divine Word who reveals God’s heart to us. Help us to live in the light of your wisdom and to seek your guidance in all aspects of our lives. Amen.*

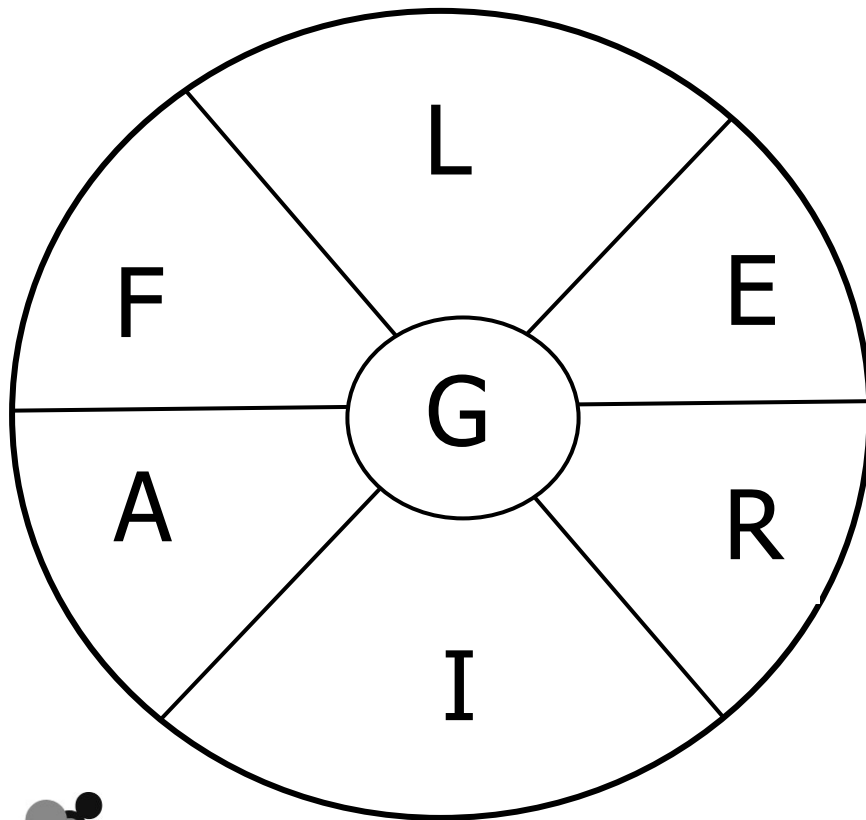
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### Daily Bible Readings

- Sunday:** Genesis 1-5
- Monday:** Genesis 6-12
- Tuesday:** Genesis 13-18
- Wednesday:** Genesis 19-23
- Thursday:** Genesis 24-28
- Friday:** Genesis 29-32
- Saturday:** Genesis 33-36

READ  
THROUGH  
THE BIBLE  
IN ONE  
YEAR!

Each week, *HomeTouch* will provide daily readings from the Bible that will take you through the Bible in one year. Sometimes, we will suggest a **Verse to Remember**. Many *HomeTouch* readers try to memorize these verses; memorization stimulates both the mind and the heart!



## SPELLING WHEEL

**DIRECTIONS:** How many words of three or more letters can you form using the letters in the wheel to the left? Each letter may only be used once.

EACH WORD MUST CONTAIN THE LETTER G.

Can you find the word that has seven letters in it? Suggested answers are below.

- 10 words = Good
- 14 words = Excellent
- 17+ words = Genius!



### VERSE TO REMEMBER

*I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.*

—Genesis 12:2 (NIV)

**ANSWERS:** glare, lager, agile, grail, large, regal, grief, girl, rage, gale, flag, gear, fig, age, gal, rag, leg, lag. The seven-letter word is: fragile.

| January 2025 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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