**RLC Bible Study – Week 1**

John 17:1-5

Introduction: This week we will take our first steps into the Red Letter Challenge and ask some important questions surrounding how we approach the words of Jesus Christ. As we examine the words of Jesus we must remember to keep His identity, and the authority He carries, central to our interpretation.

John 1:1-2 “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning.”

“In the beginning was the Word” Εν αρχη ην ο Λογος

1. Who or what is the WORD with a capital W?

**1**When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, **2**since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. **3**And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. **4**I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. **5**And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

Verse 1b: “The hour has come” εληλυθεν η ωρα

2. What did Jesus mean when Jesus repeatedly spoke of the Cross as *His* glory and *His* glorification?

3. Do you notice anything interesting about the how Jesus refers to Himself in this prayer?

Verse 3: **“**And this is eternal life…”

4. What does *eternal life* mean in this context?

5. What does it mean to *know* God? What are the elements involved?

6. So, how do we get to *know* God?

**PSALM 46 (v.10 pg. 19)**

**1**God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.  
**2**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way  
    and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,  
**3**though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm%2046&version=NIV#fen-NIV-14618c)]

**4**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
    the holy place where the Most High dwells.  
**5**God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.  
**6**Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts.

**7**The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

**8**Come and see what the Lord has done, the desolations he has brought on the earth.  
**9**He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth.  
He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields[[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm%2046&version=NIV#fen-NIV-14624d)] with fire.  
**10**He says, “Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.”

**11**The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

“Be still, and know that I am God”

הַרְפּ֣וּ וּ֭דְעוּ -Be still and know

7. So, what does it **mean** to be *still* before God… and how can you **do** it?

Challenge: As you pray and journal this week, ask the Holy Spirit to move so that you may grow in knowledge of God the Father and obedience as you faithfully follow the command, “Be still.”