

NAR Error #2 using John 1:1 (The Word was God)

In this NAR series, we want to prayerfully and humbly look at the verses being used out of context which creates a danger of slightly moving away from the actual scriptural meaning.

Of course, we have authority in Christ and His Word, but it is not ours to "command at will", Matthew 6 says THY will be done, not mine and of course we can use verses independently.

Bible Verse used: John 1:1 & Colossians 1:27

A core theological pillar of New Apostolic Reformation (NAR) and Word of Faith (WoF) teaching connects **John 1:1** ("*the Word was God*") and **Colossians 1:27** ("*Christ in you, the hope of glory*"), and passages like **Romans 10:8** to create a specific logical chain.

The NAR Logical Chain of Healing

- 1. Jesus is the Word:** According to John 1:1, Jesus is the literal, living Word of God. (He is.)
- 2. The Word/Jesus is In You:** Because a believer is born again and filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus (the Word) physically and spiritually resides inside the believer. (He does.)
- 3. The Word Carries Full Power:** Because Jesus is in the believer, all of His power, authority, and attributes, including complete, flawless healing and divine health, are already fully present inside the believer's spirit. (It is.)
- 4. The Mouth Releases the Reality:** Adherents believe this internal healing does not automatically manifest in the physical body, *it remains a latent spiritual reality until activated*. Because the Word is "in your mouth," speaking the word releases the Jesus inside you into your physical flesh to push out sickness. (This is twisting the truth.)

The Concept of the "Incarnate Believer"

This theology often blurs the line between Jesus and the believer. Some teachers in these movements refer to Christians as "little Christ's" (little gods) or "extensions of the Incarnation."

The reasoning is that just as Jesus spoke to the fig tree, the wind, and the dead to change physical reality, you have the exact same spiritual DNA and identity inside you. Therefore, you do not pray to God for healing; you speak from the position of Christ in you to command the sickness to leave.

Mainstream Biblical Critique

Mainstream biblical scholars and theologians point out several concerns with this specific interpretation:

Conflating Two Concepts of "Word": In the Greek, John 1:1 uses **Logos** (the eternal person of Jesus), while verses about preaching or speaking often use **Rhema** (the spoken utterance or message). Scholars argue this theology incorrectly treats the spoken human voice as identical to the second person of the Trinity.

The Direction of Prayer: The New Testament consistently models prayer as a request directed upward to God the Father in dependency (e.g., the Lord's Prayer, or Paul asking three times for his "thorn in the flesh" be removed -2 Corinthians 12:7-10), rather than a power directed outward from the self.

Over realized Eschatology: Mainstream theology teaches that while believers have the Holy Spirit as a "deposit" (Ephesians 1:14), our physical bodies are still subject to decay and death until the final resurrection. The NAR view assumes that the full, uncorrupted reality of the resurrection body can be commanded into the present moment through speech.