

The Light of Life

John 1:4-5

Introduction

God speaks.

Psalm 119:130

“unfolding” ‘unveiling.’

Colossians 1:5-6

Growth in true Knowledge and Understanding – spiritual ‘sight’ – is *progressive*.

Proverbs 4:18

Mark 8:22-25

2 Corinthians 3:18; 1 Corinthians 13:12

“For it is you who light my lamp; the Lord my God lightens my darkness.” Psalm 18:28

God listens.

“And the word became flesh, and dwelt among us.” John 1:14

John’s purpose in presenting the revelation of Jesus Christ: John 20:31

v4 *In him was life, and the life was the light of men.*

“life” Gk *zoe*

1 Corinthians 8:6

Acts 17:28

Those who are in Him will have life forever.

Romans 11:36

v5 *The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.*

Psalm 36:9; Psalm 56:13; Job 33:28-30

God faithfully perseveres through our sufferings, keeping us from plunging into total darkness and death and bringing us back into the Light of Life!

Though the “valley” we’re in may seem like death is imminent, the darkness is only a “shadow.” (Psa. 23)

John 8:12; John 12:35-36

“for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light.” Eph. 5:8

“**overcome**” Gk *katalambano*; ‘overtake’; “comprehend” (NAS; NKJ) is not a very good translation.

Jesus did not create darkness. Darkness is simply the condition that exists in the absence of light.

When the kingdom was torn in two because of Solomon’s idolatry: 1 Kings 11:36

A lighted lamp represented *life* in a person.

Psalm 132:11, 17

The *light* in Jesus is eternal as, therefore, so is *life* in Him.

Isaiah 60:20; Malachi 4:2; Psalm 27:1

The *Logos* Doctrine

1. Jesus is the Epistemological Logos – God *Communicates*

Hebrews 1:1-2a

Gk *episteme*; ‘a principled system of understanding.’

2. Jesus is the Cosmological Logos – God *Creates*

Hebrews 1:2b

Gk *aion*; ‘ages’; time, space, energy, matter—the entire universe and everything that makes it function.’

Jesus is the Theological Logos – God *Coexists*

Hebrews 1:3a

“radiance”

“exact imprint” of the essence and nature of God in time and space.

“He is the image of the invisible God.” Colossians 1:15;

“Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.” John 14:9

3. Jesus is the Soteriological Logos – God *Cleanses*

Hebrews 1:3b

Titus 2:13-14

Revelation 1:5-6