

Providence Reformed Baptist Church - Sunday, Dec 17, 2023

THE TRUE LIGHT – JOHN 1:9-13.

I- Last week recap **DIVINE CHARACTERISTICS** (vv1-5)

A- A threefold presentation: Word, Life, Light.

- 1- The Word – The Divine communication (1-3)
 - a. Creator of everything (Gen 1:1,3)
 - b. The Divine Communicator - YAHWEH (Ex. 3:14; Ex. 33:18-23; Is. 6:1-10 ; Luke 4 :18)
- 2- The Life – another affirmation of deity (Jn. 5:26; 1 Jn 5:11)
(The Life that He is, is intrinsically connected to the third attribute, The Light).
- 3- The Light – The Light of Life (Jn 1:4; Jn 8:12)

II- THE TRUE LIGHT (V 9)

A- It's Nature (v.9) – True as to Genuine

- 1- Not like Moses – a word and light *bearer* (Ex. 34: 29-30)
- 2- Not like John the Baptist – word & lamp bearer (John 5:35)
- 3- But as the Source of True Light – not derivative (James 1:17; Ps 36:9)
light and life intrinsically linked.
- 4- Self-identified (John 8:12)

B- THE TRUE LIGHT REJECTED (V10-11)

- 1- General revelation – Light to every man (v9b).
 - a. Unknown by His creation (v10) 2 Cor 4:3-4; Rom 3:11.
- 2- Special revelation – To his own (11)
 - a. Rejected by His People (11b). Is 1:2-4; Matt. 11:23-24; Matt 23:37.

C- THE TRUE LIGHT ACCEPTED (V12)

- 1- “*As Many???*”: Receive & Believe (v12).
 - a. *Whosoever*. Jew and Gentile (Gal 3:27-28; John 3:15)
 - b. Full Authority: *exousia*: To become Sons (12b)

III- THE DIVINE POWER OF THE TRUE LIGHT (V12-13)

A- SALVATION

1. No Sonship by nature or Ethnicity – (His own did not receive Him)
(v13abc; Gal 3:11)
2. Sonship by new birth (v13c; Titus 3:5; Gal 6:15)
3. Saved to be Light (Matt 5:14; Eph 5:8-9)
4. Illuminated unto sanctification (1 John 1:5-7)

B- JUDGEMENT

- 1- Illumination or Condemnation (John 3:18-21)

Cross References

Genesis 1:1, 3

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

3 Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.

Exodus 3:14

14 And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.' "

Exodus 33:18-23

18 And he said, "Please, show me Your glory." 19 Then He said, "I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the Lord before you. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion." 20 But He said, "You cannot see My face; for no man shall see Me, and live." 21 And the Lord said, "Here is a place by Me, and you shall stand on the rock. 22 So it shall be, while My glory passes by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock, and will cover you with My hand while I pass by. 23 Then I will take away My hand, and you shall see My back; but My face shall not be seen."

Isaiah 6:1-10

6 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. 2 Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. 3 And one cried to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!" 4 And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke. 5 So I said: "Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, The Lord of hosts." 6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal which he had taken with the tongs from the altar. 7 And he touched my mouth with it, and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; Your iniquity is taken away, And your sin purged." 8 Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: "Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me." 9 And He said, "Go, and tell this people: 'Keep on hearing, but do not understand; Keep on seeing, but do not perceive.' 10 "Make the heart of this people dull, And their ears heavy, And shut their eyes; Lest they see with their eyes, And hear with their ears, And understand with their heart, And return and be healed."

Luke 4:18

18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed;

John 5:26

26 For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself,

1 John 5:11

11 And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.

John 1:4

4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

John 8:12

12 Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

Exodus 34:29-30

29 Now it was so, when Moses came down from Mount Sinai (and the two tablets of the Testimony were in Moses' hand when he came down from the mountain), that Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone while he talked with Him. 30 So when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him.

John 5:35

35 He was the burning and shining lamp, and you were willing for a time to rejoice in his light.

James 1:17

17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.

Psalms 36:9

9 For with You is the fountain of life; In Your light we see light.

John 8:12

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2 Corinthians 4:3-4

3 But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, 4 whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

Isaiah 1:2-4

2 Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth! For the Lord has spoken: "I have nourished and brought up children, And they have rebelled against Me; 3 The ox knows its owner And the donkey its master's crib; But Israel does not know, My people do not consider." 4 Alas, sinful nation, A people laden with iniquity, A brood of evildoers, Children who are corrupters! They have forsaken the Lord, They have provoked to anger The Holy One of Israel, They have turned away backward.

Matthew 11:23-24

23 And you, Capernaum, who are exalted to heaven, will be brought down to Hades; for if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. 24 But I say to you that it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment than for you."

Matthew 23:37

37 “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing!

Galatians 3:27-28

27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

John 3:15

15 that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

Galatians 3:11

11 But that no one is justified by the law in the sight of God is evident, for “the just shall live by faith.”

Titus 3:5

5 not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,

Galatians 6:15

15 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation.

Revelation 21:1-2, 22-24

Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also, there was no more sea. ² Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ²² But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. ²³ The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb *is* its light. ²⁴ And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it.