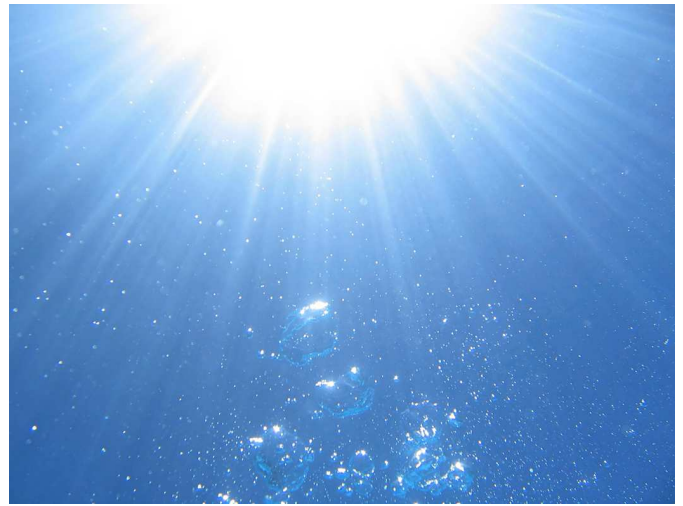


'The Son of God and the Lord of Glory Series'

Sermons in the Gospel of John

Message 5 - Genuine Light and the Great Unknown' John 1: 9 - 10



As we continue to look at this tremendous passage in the Scriptures regarding the Lord Jesus Christ, we continue to see the wonder of the fact that Jesus Christ is the Light of the World. None other, Him alone! The Son of God and the Lord of Glory! In the verses we saw last week we saw something of greatness this morning and then something of tragedy. So by means of reminder:

1. Text explanation - What is important is that you understand that in this verse it is talking about the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ and not the coming of light into the lives of all men. It is a key text that some use as proof for natural revelation, in other words, all men have enough illumination within themselves to find God, and to come to God, some inner light that can be fuelled by man's will and decision. What it does refer to time and time again is the coming into human history of the Lord Jesus Christ. The interpretation of the verse as the coming into the world of the Light, fits perfectly into John's prologue and introduction. In the prologue we are taken stage by stage through the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. So it begins with seeing Christ in His pre-incarnate state, before then acknowledging the preparatory God-ordained work of John the Baptist, then John speaks of the coming and incarnation of Jesus Christ, before concluding the prologue with man's response to it.

2. Genuine Light - Christ is the only genuine Light that can illumine the darkness of the soul. Only when we come to the genuine light, the true light of Jesus Christ will we ever find the answers to our toughest questions about life, God, eternity. He is the Light that illumines the soul and the Light brings life into the dark soul of man. That this Gospel Light has come into the world to make salvation a reality for men everywhere. Wonderful, that God should shed His love abroad upon sinners through the provision of His Son. This is a truly glorious thought, but it is also a very sobering thought. Why? If this light has had an affect on every man then every man is accountable.

3. Revealing Light - Think on this, what does light do when it shines, as the Scriptures tell us, on every man? There can be no other answer apart from this, 'the Light exposes the works of darkness'. The Light exposes our sin, His sinless perfection, His purity, His brilliance, and radiance, reveal the reality of who we are. When the Lord Jesus Christ came into the world, His life, His light was such that it was unlike and continues to be unlike anything the world had seen or will see. Men hate Him for this, they hate Him for His existence because He reveals how dirty and sinful their lives really are. He did it then, and He does it now. Hence, when you see yourself in His light, your sin is exposed, it is revealed, and you are undone before a holy God. All that we are appears to be dirty, and God says that at best 'all our righteous acts are like filthy rags' (Isaiah 64:6). Have you seen that? Have you seen your need of the Saviour? You need to come to the Lord Jesus Christ for cleansing, for transformation, and with His Light and His life you will be made by grace into a new creation.



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