

The Light of the World

John 1:1-12; 8:1-12; 3:19-21

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Introduction

- Creation of physical light—Genesis 1:1-5
- Definition and properties of physical light
- “Darkness” is the absence of light; Light dispels darkness
- Causes of “spiritual darkness”
 - Rejection of the revelation of God in creation
 - Spiritual blindness caused by Satan—false religions 2 Cor. 11
- Jesus’ claim: “*I am the Light of the world!*” --John 8:12

The Light of the World

A. As the “*Light of the World*”, Jesus Christ is the PERSONAL, FINAL REVELATION of God to mankind!—John 1:1-9

1. Jesus Christ, the “Word”, is GOD!—John 1:1-5
 - a. Identification of the “Word” as God—John 1:1-2
 - b. As God, He had a part in creation—John 1:3
 - c. As God, He is self-existent, the source of life—1:4
2. Jesus Christ, the “incarnate Word” is LIGHT of the world—1:5, 14
 - a. Prior to His coming, light through creation and Scripture.
 - b. With His coming, full, personal revelation of God to man.
John 1:18; Hebrews 1:1-3
3. Jesus Christ as the “TRUE Light”—John 1:6-9
 - a. The coming of the Messiah depicted as “light”—Isaiah 9:2; 60:1-3; 49:6
 - b. Not just Israel’s Messiah, but a “light” to the nations
 - c. “*True light gives light to every man*”

B. As the “*Light of the World*”, Jesus Christ expresses the Holiness of God and exposes the sinfulness of man.

John 8:1-12

1. The Setting-- The Feast of Tabernacles
 - a. Daily water-pouring ceremony: *Offer of living water*
 - b. Lamp-lighting ceremony: “*I am the light of the world*”
 - c. Jews anticipated the “GREAT Light”—the Messiah
2. The Test: Woman caught in adultery—John 8:1-11
 - a. Jesus expresses the Holiness of God—1 John 1:5
 - b. Jesus exposes the sinfulness of man—John 8:7-9
3. The Response: Darkness to possible light—John 3:19-21
 - a. Those in the dark.... (John 3:19-20)
 - 1) Love darkness because their deeds are evil
 - 2) Hate the light, lest their deeds be exposed
 - b. Those in the light... (John 3:21)