

Expositional Preaching from the Authorized Version of the Holy Bible

Current Book: John – verse by verse

Scriptures for Today: John 1:5-13 – The first negative and the True Light’s witness in darkness!

Today’s Message:

“The True Light”



INTRODUCTION

Last week, Jesus Christ was introduced as the Creator and Maker of all things. He is Life and the life giver! We also reviewed what the Bible says about life in the womb. God uses the term “*with child*” to describe pregnancy. This week, after a grand introduction of the Lord of the universe, we come to the first negative in the book of John – **DARKNESS**. And we will be reminded again of the similarities between Genesis 1 and John 1. In **Genesis 1**, we learned that God **DIVIDED** His light from darkness to bring new life. In **John 1**, we will see Jesus Christ, the true Light, shine His light in the darkness of the world to separate His light from the darkness and bring new **LIFE** again! This is God’s message to you...

LEARNING TOGETHER

A. The Text John 1:5-13

#1. The Darkness – in Genesis 1, God **DIVIDED** the light from the darkness.

AND THE LIGHT SHINETH IN **DARKNESS... THE DARKNESS** COMPREHENDED IT NOT

- ✓ **Darkness** in the Bible is **NEVER** a good thing. (“darkness” is found 162 x in 142 verses in KJV)
 - **Genesis 1:3-4** – first and second mention – the light was **good**; darkness is **not** good.
 - **Exodus 10:21-22** – God’s judgment upon Egypt was a darkness which could be “felt”.
 - **Jer 13:16; Joel 2:1-2,31; Amos 5:18-20; Zeph 1:15** – a result of God’s judgment on sin.
 - **Mt 8:12; 27:45** – darkness was a result of God’s judgment – Jesus hanging on the cross!
 - **2 Peter 2:4, 17; Jude 6, 13; Rev 16:10** (tribulation) – it is God’s judgment because of sin.

Question
Would you ever
consider darkness
to be good?

NOTE In Genesis 1, “darkness” had come because of sin. God **DIVIDED** (separated) His light from darkness in order to bring **new life** (CREATION). Now, we find darkness covering earth again!

#2. The Light – in John 1, God divided the light from the darkness **AGAIN!**

AND **THE LIGHT SHINETH** IN DARKNESS... THE DARKNESS **COMPREHENDED IT NOT**

- ✓ Jesus Christ is the **TRUE** Light – *the Light of the world* – the source of all life! Amen.
 - In **John 1:9**, “That was **the true Light... lighteth every man that cometh into the world.**”
 - In **1 John 1:5**, “**God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.**”
 - In **John 8:12; 9:5; 12:46**, Jesus Christ said, “**I am the light of the world.**”

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Sleeping?
Bethlehem...
Jerusalem...
United States
of America...

- In **Genesis 1:3**, "And God said, **Let there be light**: and there was light."
- In **Rev 21:23**, there will be no need for sun as "**the Lamb is the light** thereof."

- ✓ **The Darkness** did not **COMPREHEND the light** of God... and still does not!
 - **Romans 1** – the world is without excuse; sin upon sin brings more and more **DARKNESS**.
 - **John 1:4, 9** – God has given light to every man; yet we see sin darkens the light of God.
 - **John 1:10** – the Creator of the universe was walking on earth and the world *missed* Him!
 - **John 1:11** – the Messiah and Christ of the Jews had come, and the Jews *missed* Him!

#3. The Strategy – John the Baptist was sent to bear WITNESS of the Light!

THE SAME CAME FOR **A WITNESS**; TO **BEAR WITNESS OF THE LIGHT**

- ✓ As we will see in John 1, John the Baptist was born to *prepare the way for the Lord!*
 - In **John 1:7**, "...to **BEAR WITNESS of the Light**; that **all men** through him might **BELIEVE**."
 - In **John 1:8**, "He was not **that Light**, but was **SENT** to **BEAR WITNESS of that Light**."
- ✓ The **Creator** Himself came unto **the world He had made** and *was not RECOGNIZED*.
 - **Jn 1:10**, "He was **IN the world**, and **the world** was **MADE BY HIM**... **world** **KNEW HIM NOT**."
- ✓ The **Jewish Messiah** and **Christ** came unto **His own people** and *was not RECEIVED*.
 - **Jn 1:11**, "He came unto **his own**, and **his own** **RECEIVED HIM NOT**."

John 3:3
Jesus answered,
Verily, verily, I
say unto thee,
Except a man be
born again, he
cannot see the
kingdom of God.

- ✓ **BUT**... EVERY SINGLE PERSON that **DID RECEIVE HIM** became **a child of God!**
 - **Jn 1:12**, "**BUT as many as RECEIVED HIM**, to them gave he power to become **THE SONS OF GOD**, even to them that **BELIEVE ON HIS NAME**."
 - **Jn 1:13**, "Which were **BORN, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, BUT OF GOD**."

"Sons of God"
Pre-Adamic race
Adam
Israel
Jesus Christ
The Church

The Bible says...	The Bible teaches...
As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world – John 9:5	Jesus was THE true Light
Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid – Mt 5:14	YOU are His light now!
LET your light so shine before men , that they may see your good works – Mt 5:16	LET your light so shine!
And this is the condemnation , that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light , because their deeds were evil – John 3:19	People are condemned ALREADY ; love darkness
In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ ... should shine unto them – 2 Cor 4:4	Satan does not want the light to SHINE or to SAVE
For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness , hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God – 2 Cor 4:5-6	God gave us light in our hearts FOR JESUS' SAKE
For ye... darkness... but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light – Eph 5:8	Walk AS children of light
But ye are a chosen generation ... that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light – 1 Pet 2:9	Do not squander YOUR glorious PRIVILEGE

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