

Title: Heart For The House - Be The Light Scripture: John 1:1-5 Date: 11202022 Bible: NKJV

BOTTOM LINE: The light of Christ is the only hope for our world.

Vs. 1

in the beginning was the Word - This is a direct reference to Gen. 1:1. The Word was in the beginning, eternity past.

word- Means logos. To the Greek, they saw this as the thing which kept all things in order. To the Jews they see this as referring to God himself.

the Word was with God, and the Word was God- We see the Father and Son both represented here. Jesus (the Word) was with God.

Theologically speaking, the Father, Son, and Spirit are co-equal members of the Trinity. Our one God exists in three co-equal persons. - Tony Evans

Vs. 2

He was in the beginning with God- John tells us again that Jesus (the Son) was in the beginning with God (the Father). It is an error to think of Jesus as the first 'created being'. Jesus always was and John affirms this.

Vs. 3

All things were made through Him - We see a parallel in Genesis 1 where God the Father created all things. Here we are told that Jesus created all things.

Nothing in creation exists outside of the sovereign power of Jesus. - Tony Evans

You were created ON purpose and FOR a purpose.

Vs. 4

In Him was life- Greek word for life is 'zoe'. It refers to a life principle not just the biological consideration for life. In Him we find our purpose.

life was the light of men- Jesus is not just life, He is also the light! He is light for a hopeless world.

Jesus came to give spiritual life, so that we can in turn let that light shine.

When we put Christ in the proper perspective, all things in our life line up in order.

Vs. 5

And the light shines- The light of Christ is brighter than any darkness.

The darkness did not comprehend it- Another way to think of this is did not 'overcome it'.

Darkness will not overcome the light.

What does light do?

- 1. Brings people hope.
- 2. Provides people with clarity.
- 3. Gives people courage.

A good measure of a believer is how they let their light shine in this world.

Three Ways You Can Make A Difference:

- 1. You need to know Jesus.
- 2. You need to be discipled.
- 3. You need to let your light shine.

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- 1. What does this study reveal to you about God?
- 2. What does this study reveal to you about yourself?
- 3. Based on this, what changes do you need to make?
- 4. What is your prayer for today?

DISCUSS.

- 1. Why is it important for believers to take every opportunity to be a light in our world?
- 2. How can we practically be a light in this world?
- 3. What are some ways you can apply this scripture to your life?

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Anytime you read God's word you have to put things into perspective. You also have to realize that the terms, not words, have meanings. As a group re-read the scriptures that was studied. Try a the Amplified Version and compare that to the NJKV, NIV, ESV, or NASB. Pick a few words and have a group member look that word up on <u>blueletterbible.com</u> or with their app.

