

Power to Become Children of God John 1:1-14

Revelation of Jesus

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** The same was in the beginning with God. **3** All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. **4** In him was life; and the life was the light of men. **5** And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

From the Beginning

- Pre-existent
 - Philippians 2:6-8 – **6** Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: **7** But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: **8** And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.
- Co-existent
 - 1 John 1:1-2 – That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life; **2** (For the life was manifested, and we have seen *it*, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)
- Existent
 - Hebrews 1:1-3 – God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, **2** Hath in these last days spoken unto us by *his* Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; **3** Who being the brightness of *his* glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

For the Beginning

- 1 Corinthians 8:6 – But to us *there is but* one God, the Father, of whom *are* all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom *are* all things, and we by him.

Following the Beginning

- Life is the Light
 - John 10:10 – *The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.*
- Light is for the Lifeless
 - John 8:12 – Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, *I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.*
 - 2 Corinthians 4:6 – 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 in the face of Jesus Christ.

Reflection of Jesus

6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. **7** The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. **8** He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.

Sent from God

- 2 Corinthians 5:18-20 – **18** And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; **19** To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. **20** Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

Serve God

- 1 Thessalonians 2:13 – For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.

Shine to God

- Matthew 24:4-5 – **4** And Jesus answered and said unto them, *Take heed that no man deceive you.* **5** For many shall come in my name, saying, *I am Christ; and shall deceive many.*

Reception of Jesus

9 That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. **10** He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. **11** He came unto his own, and his own received him not. **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: **13** Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. **14** And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

The Real Light

- The Light Divine
 - o John 14:6 – Jesus saith unto him, *I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*
- The Light Delivered
 - o Luke 19:10 – *For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.*

The Rejected Light

- Luke 23:18 – And they cried out all at once, saying, Away with this man, and release unto us Barabbas:

The Received Light

- 2 Corinthians 6:17-18 – **17** Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, **18** And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.
- Romans 8:15-16 – **15** For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. **16** The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: