

# GOD the SON

## Walk in the Son-light

### John 1:4-9

#### Pastor Jason Dennett's Teaching Notes

***"In Him was Life, and this Life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. 6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. 8 He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. 9 That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world."***

***I heard about 3 NASA scientists who got together at the height of the space program, and they were trying to figure out how they were going to spend the 10 billion dollars allocated by the federal government to their program. And so the first guy said, "I say we get very ambitious and we put our man on Mars. Not the moon—Mars." The second guy said, "Well, that's really good. I think we should go further. Venus. Put our man on Venus. I mean, set the bar high." And the third guy said, "I think it's good, but go all the way. Go for broke. I say we put our man on the sun!" And they looked at him like, "Are you an idiot?" And then they said to him, "Are you an idiot?" And he said, "No, no, no! I've got it all figured out. We'll go at night!"***

We may not be able go to the **SUN**, but we can certainly enjoy its effect upon planet earth... and what an effect it has!! One source stated, ***"Sunlight is the fuel of life, its energy maintains everything upon the earth."***

#### **Our SUN is an amazing object in God's Creation:**

- Our Sun is called a G2 "Main Sequence" Dwarf Star.
- Sun is roughly 1.3 million times the size of Earth.
- Sun is roughly 93 million miles away.
- Loses about 1.2 million pounds of mass every second.
- Sun core reaches temperatures of about 27 million degrees F.
- Sun has the Visible Spectrum...necessary for complex life.
- Sun's light allows Photosynthesis to be possible in plant life.
- Sun's light provides Vitamin D that our bodies need & enjoy.
- Sun's reflections enable our eyes to see and perceive visually.
- Sun's enormous gravitational field keeps earth safely tethered in orbit.

But the term "**SUN**" can be spelled two different ways in our language: "**SUN**" and "**SON**." Even as sun—**S-U-N**—light is needed for physical well-being, so Son—**S-O-N**—light is absolutely needed for spiritual life.

I. **SHINING** from the Light (v.4-5)

II. **SPEAKING** for the Light (v.6-8)

III. **SEEING** of the Light (v.9)

I. **SHINING** from the Light (v.4-5) - **"In Him was Life, and this Life was the Light of men. And the Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it."**

- That **Life** in Christ & the Life of Christ...was "**Light**" to mankind.
  - ***Light illuminates, goes out and it shines for all to see.***

- “**Light**” is a frequent and powerful biblical metaphor (21x in John; x in NT; x in OT). 3 principal meanings:
  - a. **Physically**, light speaks of God's **GLORY**, the heavens declare the glory of God. Jesus embodies the glory of God in human form. Heb 1:3
  - b. **Intellectually**, light speaks of the **KNOWLEDGE** of God, ultimate knowledge, omniscience
  - c. **Morally**, light speaks of God's **HOLINESS** - unapproachable light, morally perfect, pure, holy
  
- “**Kata lambano**” in Greek - meaning to “comprehend, extinguish, overcome”
  - **Strongly Opposed Christ!**
  - **Strongly Opposes Christians!**
    - **Men love darkness** rather than light. John 3:19.
    - **People don't want life-giving light.** All the darkness of hell cannot put out the light of Christ.

## II. **SPEAKING** for the Light (v.6-8) - “**There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. 8 He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.**”

- **Apostle John sees himself ON TRIAL before the eyes of the unbelieving world.** Therefore, throughout this book, he will strategically call upon the evidence, testimonies, and witnesses to prove his case that **JESUS IS GOD!**
  
- **Here, the Apostle summons to court his first WITNESS:** John the Baptist. He is the first of 8 witnesses in the book.
  - **John B was sent by GOD.**
  - **John B was born miraculously.**
  - **John B was filled with Holy Spirit form the womb.**
  - **John B was the 1st prophet to speak in 400 years.**
  - **John B was the last OT prophet, but the 1st NT evangelist (Is. 40:3, Mal 3:1)**
  - **John B was the greatest person who ever lived till then, other than Jesus! (Mt. 11:11)**
  - **John B performed the greatest job ever - he announced the King!!**

## III. **SEEING** of the Light (v.9) - “**That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world.**”

- Jesus Christ is the **TRUE, GENUINE, and REAL** spiritual Light of our world!
- God has given **LIGHT** and spiritual illumination to every single human in history!
  - **Creation (Rom 1:19-20)**
  - **Conscience (Rom 2:14)**
  - **Commandments (Exo 20)**
  - **CHRIST!! (Heb 1:1; Jn 14:6)**
    - Every single person has light.. and is responsible to GOD!