

Introduction: *"When Morning Gilds the Skies"*
(this month Pastor begins sermons with a story about a hymn)

I. The Word of God is Grace and Truth (John 1:14, 16-17)

A. In Jesus, God makes His dwelling with us (14) **14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth...**

B. In Jesus, God's full Grace and Truth is given (16-17) **16 Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. 17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.**

II. The Son of God is Love and Light. (John 3:16-21)

A. Love is given for Life. (16) **16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.**

B. Love is given for salvation. (17) **17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.**

C. Love is to be received, not rejected. (18) **18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.**

D. Light will reveal misdirected love. (19) **19 This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil.**

E. Light will reveal fear and misdeeds (20) **20 Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed.**

F. Life in the grace and truth of God is a Christian's witness (21)

21 But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

Conclusion: Care for the World by living in the light and love of God in Jesus Christ. Without (Agape)love, our witness is meaningless.

Scripture Passage:

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Questions:

1. How have you experienced Jesus dwelling within you?
2. In what way would you say that the fulness of Grace leads us into the fulness of God's truth?
3. How do you pray for your deeds and words to be a witness to the world? Who are you praying for daily?