



The DAY the WORLD CHANGED

AN ADVENT SERIES

LIGHT OR DARKNESS

Scripture: JOHN 1:1-14

Jesus Gave the Right to Become Children of God

JOHN 1:9

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- ALL OR NOTHING
- LIFE OR DEATH
- BELIEF OR DOUBT
- LIGHT OR DARKNESS

JOHN 1:9-13

[9] The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. [10] He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. [11] He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. [12] But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, [13] who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

1. Jesus is the True Light.

- A. Giving light to everyone.
- B. Coming into the world.

2. Jesus is in the World.

- A. The world was made by him.
- B. The world did not receive him.
- C. His own people did not receive him.
- D. The Church is the Body of Christ in the World Today

3. All who receive Jesus become Children of God, born of God.

- A. Not the blood.
- B. Not the will of man.
- C. Not the flesh.
- D. Born of the Spirit.

Choose to receive Jesus.

Choose light not darkness.

To reject Jesus or treat him in other way than Creator King Savior is to live in darkness now and forever.

Life Application Guide

1. Do you know anyone who prefers darkness to light? Which do you prefer?
2. Why do most people prefer light over darkness? Why do you?
3. God the creator gives us options. Among the options covered in the gospel of John are “All or Nothing,” “Life or Death,” “Belief or Doubt,” and “Light or Darkness.” Of these option pairs, which resonates with you most this Christmas Season? Why?
4. In each of these option pairs, it is made clear that to accept Jesus is to receive “All” He has to offer including Life, Belief and Light and so much more! Why would anyone not choose to believe Jesus is the Son of God and came into the world to bring salvation and peace?

5. How might we more effectively communicate the message of Christmas with family, friends and neighbors in ways that point people to Jesus for salvation and peace?
6. What commitments/resolutions will you make as we move rapidly toward 2024? What about including commitments that focus on your obedience to the Lord? What will you include that focuses on your commitment to reaching out to others with the hope of the gospel available only in Jesus Christ?
7. PRAY: Praise the Lord for His salvation in Christ alone. Return to the Lord and thank Him for His peace found only in Jesus. Ask the Lord to guide you into the new year. Yield your will to His as you live for His glory!