

Believe

JOHN

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Light Has Come

Bible Reading: John 1:1-9

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In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ All things were created through him, and apart from him not one thing was created that has been created. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of men. ⁵ That light shines in the darkness, and yet the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify about the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He was not the light, but he came to testify about the light. ⁹ The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.

The WORD Described

A. Who is He? 1:1-2, 4

1. In the beginning was the Word
2. The Word with God, the Word was God
3. Attributes of the Word
 1. In Him was life 1:4
 2. Not created life but what later is called eternal life
 3. Not that he possessed life but was life
4. The life was the light of men

B. John addresses the Jews

1. Jesus the Messiah was intimately involved with creation
2. Jesus is the word who reveals God, expresses God
3. Jesus is the life and this life is the light – 1:4

C. John addresses the Greek philosophers and Stoics

1. Logos was a principle, a rationality that gave order to the universe

2. The goal of human life was to live in accordance with logos.
3. Describing logos as a person was totally radical.

The WORD in Creation – 1:3

- A. All things created through him
- B. Everything that was created was through him (repeated in the negative)
 1. Corresponds to Genesis
 1. God spoke “Let there be...”
 2. Creation came into being through the word of God
 3. That “word” was a person
 4. He was in the beginning – eternal
- C. The creative works were done through the Son

The Dawning of Light – 1:4-9

- A. ***In him was life and the life was the light of men*** – 1:4
- B. The light shines in the darkness – 1:5
 1. Jesus came as light and to be light Isa. 9:2,6
“The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; a light has dawned on those living in the land of darkness.... For a child will be born for us, a son will be given to us, and the government will be on his shoulders. He will be named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.” Isa. 9:2,6
 2. The darkness does not overcome it, light is victorious this all came about.” J. Ramsey Michaels, *The Gospel of John*, p. 57
 3. Darkness as evil
 4. Darkness does not comprehend/understand it
And the Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not grasp it. John 1:5 (NASB)
 5. Darkness personified as people who cannot see or understand the light
- C. The light testified by John the Baptist– 1:6-8
 1. John sent to testify concerning the light
 2. He was not the light but was an agent of the light
 3. So that all might believe through him
 4. John was only the agent of belief, Jesus the object of belief
- D. Jesus, the true light, gives light to everyone 1:9
 1. ***“Jesus spoke to them again: “I am the light of the world. Anyone who follows me will never walk in the darkness but will have the light of life.” John 8:12***
 2. Not everyone receives the light, or understands it
 1. ***This is the judgment: The light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil. John 3:19***
 2. ***And the Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not grasp it. John 1:5 (NASB)***
- E. Not everyone understands, not everyone wants to acknowledge Jesus as the true light.
 1. People are looking outside of Christ for answers
 1. Politics (Brazil, US – polarized; war in Ukraine, China...)
 2. Economics (inflation, recession,)
 3. Environment (COP26, climate change, droughts in East Africa, floods , air pollution,...)
 4. World health
 5. Social justice
 2. Apart from Christ as the light there is no hope
- F. He is coming into the world – 1:9
 1. John is writing to the Jews and the Gentiles of his day
 2. How about us? How will we respond?
 1. Will we let Jesus Christ be the light in our life?

2. We can choose to let him be the light or we can remain in darkness?
3. Will we receive him?
4. Will we align ourselves to him as believers and receivers?