

Jesus – The Life and Light of the World

John 1:3-5

“All things came into being through
Him, and apart from Him nothing
came into being that has come into
being” – Jn. 1:3

We understand...

- That God the Father created all things through Jesus – 1 Cor. 8:6; Col. 1:15-17
- That Jesus is God—He is divine – Gen. 1:1
- That Jesus was not created—He is the agent *through whom all things were created.*

“In Him was life, and the life was
the Light of men” – Jn. 1:4

“In Him was life”

- Not physical life, but a different life—the real, spiritual, eternal life – Jn. 5:26; 10:10; 14:6
- We as Christ’s followers should understand that the only life to be lived is a life lived for Jesus and His will—a life lived for the next life – Heb. 10:36
 - Why do we spend so much time and effort chasing this life, protecting this life, and grasping for every minute of this life?
 - *This life* is a vapor with fleeting joys and real suffering and cannot satisfy our eternal souls.
 - Being in the image of the eternal Creator means that only by serving and returning to Him will we be fully whole and satisfied!

“And the life was the light of Men”

- Jesus is the enlightenment of the world, the revelation of divine knowledge, that we might understand this life.
- Jesus’ enlightenment is...
 - Salvation – Heb. 10:32
 - Paul’s prayer for Jesus’ disciples – Eph. 1:18
- Jesus came so we can KNOW God, the surety of our hope, and the riches of the glory to be received by God’s saints.

“The Light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness did not
comprehend it” – Jn. 1:5

“The Light shines in the darkness”

- As God’s *word* caused *light to shine in the darkness* (Gen. 1:3), God by *the Word* has caused the *light of salvation to shine in the darkness of sin*.
- Just as the light God spoke into existence *continually shines* on the world, so the light of Jesus *continually shines* in the world.
- Through Jesus God has fulfilled His prophecy of bringing continual light into this world – Isa. 60:1-3, 19-20

“The darkness did not comprehend it”

- Two possible meanings:
 - NASB, NKJV – “**did not comprehend it**” – indicates that people in darkness did not grasp or understand Jesus.
 - ESV, HCSB, NIV – “**did/has not overcome it**” – indicates that despite the great darkness the Light entered, and its hostility, Jesus the Light continues to shine—to be victorious over darkness.
- Knowing Jesus means we have the *Light* in our lives that will never be overcome by the darkness that threatens us!
– Phil. 2:14-16