

LIFE.REVEALED.

INTRODUCTION: Light and life go together! It is rare to have one without the other in our world.

John the Evangelist begins His Gospel by stating: "In Him (Jesus) was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it." – John 1:4-5

I. LIFE REVEALED TO US

John 1:4 – In Him was life...

A. By nature we live in the _____ of _____.

Isaiah 9:2 – "The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwell in a land of deep darkness, on them the light has shined."

- In Matthew 4:16, the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled, and stated with the change of one word – "The people living in darkness have seen a great light..."

B. The light of Jesus Christ is revealed to us in order to _____ the darkness of sin.

John 1:4,5 – "...that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness..."

John 8:12 – "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

- The grace of our Savior comes to us through His _____ and sacraments, and we are drawn closer to Him.

1 John 1:7 – "If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin."

C. In Christ Jesus, revealed to us, we have _____

John 10:10(b) – "I have come that they might have life, and have it to the full."

John 5:24 – "I tell you the truth, whoever hears my words and believes Him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to LIFE."

II. LIFE REVEALED THROUGH US

Matthew 5:16 – "Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."

Acts 1:8 – "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

- Our new ministry logo and tag line are designed to be a witness _____.

CONCLUSION: Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!