

# Christ the True Light Notes

John 1:4-9

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**Main Point:** Jesus brings life into our deadness and light into our darkness.

**Life Brings** \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 4).

1. John chose the Greek word “zoe,” which refers to \_\_\_\_\_ life, as distinct from “bios” which simply speaks of natural life.
2. The second time he used the definite article “the” to show Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ life (John 11:25).
3. At His transfiguration, Peter, James, and John caught a glimpse of the true light (Matthew 17:2, Revelation 1:16, 22:16).

**Light** \_\_\_\_\_ **Darkness** (vs. 5).

1. The word “shines” means “it continually shines and never \_\_\_\_\_.”
2. Spiritual darkness spilled into our world in Genesis 3 and can only be removed by the \_\_\_\_\_ who is life and light.
3. The word “overcome” means “to lay hold of, to \_\_\_\_\_ or grasp.”
  - It was used in the sport of wrestling to describe getting pinned.
  - John is saying that it is impossible for darkness to pin light to the mat.
4. Darkness by its very nature refuses to come into the light because darkness and light are mutually \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Darkness is only the \_\_\_\_\_ of light.
6. In the presence of light, darkness \_\_\_\_\_.

**Light Engages** \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 6-8).

1. God’s way of letting the light of Christ shine is through \_\_\_\_\_ witnesses.
2. Jesus has called us to be witnesses of the light as we interact with those who are still living in \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 5:16).

**Light is Available to** \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 9).

1. The Rabbis used the term “light” as a name for the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. So when John used the phrase “true light,” he was connecting Jesus to the promised Messiah as foretold in Isaiah 9:2.
3. The idea behind “walking in darkness” is someone \_\_\_\_\_ as they come and go.
4. We can’t find the light on our own, so the light comes to us.
5. Matthew 4:16 applies Isaiah 9 directly to Jesus Christ.
6. In Isaiah 9:2, the people “walked” in darkness, and in Matthew they are “\_\_\_\_\_” in darkness.
7. Darkness in the Bible is often a symbol of divine \_\_\_\_\_.

- There were three days of darkness “that could be felt” in Egypt before the first Passover lamb was slain (Exodus 10:21-23).
  - Three hours of darkness before the Lamb of God died for the sins of the world.
  - The ninth plague of darkness preceded the killing of the firstborn.
  - Deep darkness proclaimed the death of God’s firstborn son (Mark 15:33).
8. “For to us” is repeated twice in Isaiah 9:6.
  9. Luke 2:11 says, “For unto you...”
  10. In Isaiah, it is plural and in Luke it is \_\_\_\_\_.
  11. It’s one thing to say Jesus died for the sins of the world; it’s another thing to say He died for \_\_\_\_\_.
  12. Christmas is His-story, but it must become \_\_\_\_\_ story.