

Veiled in Flesh the Godhead See

(The Wonder of the Incarnation)

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John 1:1-11 "Light"

Why do we put lights on our homes and trees and light candles to celebrate Christmas? Because Christmas is about light coming into this world through the birth of Jesus Christ. Seven times in our text the word "Light" is used.

Why Do We Desperately Need Light? vv5, 9-11

"the darkness has not overcome it" = Gr. we are clueless about it and hostile to it. Isa 9:2; Matt4:15-16

- The World is a dark place (sin/suffering).
- We don't have the ability to solve it (ignorance).
- We need help outside the human race.

What Is this Light? vv1-3 (v14 Jesus Christ)

- Jesus is God. v1b, v3 (John1; Col1; Heb1; Rev1)
- Jesus is in a love relationship with God (Trinity). v1b, v2 (Gen1:26; Matt18:19; John 1:18)
- The meaning of life (Light) is a love relationship with God and others. v1 "Word" = Gr. Logos (logic/reason/reality) 1John 1:3-5; Matt22:34-40

How Can We Experience This Light (Love Relationship)?

vv9-11

- Our sin (selfishness) separates us from Him. (Rom3:23, 6:23)
- Jesus died in our place for our sins. (Rom5:8-10)
- Jesus lost the love of the Father so that we never would. (2Cor5:21; Matt27:46; Rom8:35-39; Heb13:5-6)

Make Him the reason for your life and He will fill you with His love and you will be a part of the solution rather than part of the problem in this dark world.

Growing Notes

- 1) What do you like and dislike most about the Christmas season? Why do we put lights on our homes and trees and light candles to celebrate Christmas (John 8:12)?
- 2) Read John 1:1-9. What stands out to you from this text? How many times is the word "light" used in this text? Why? Who is this light (v17)? How did the people respond to this light (vv10-11)?
- 3) What is darkness (Eph5:7-17)? Why do we desperately need this light? Every year our culture tries to reengineer the purpose of Christmas by saying that if we all pull together we can create a world of unity and peace. Why will this never work?
- 4) What is light (vv1-3, 17; John8:12)? Who is Jesus? Why is the Trinity an important doctrine to understanding the meaning of life (light)? How is a love relationship with God and others the solution to the sin and suffering in this world (1John 1:3-5; Matt22:34-40)?
- 5) How can we experience this light (love relationship with God)? What is sin and what does sin do (Rom3:23, 6:23)? What has God done to remedy our sin problem (Rom5:8-10)? Jesus lost the love of the father so that we never would (2Cor5:21; Matt27:46; Rom8:35-39; Heb13:5-6). Explain. What is God speaking to you from this study? Pray.