

"Find Your Life in the Light of Men - Jesus Christ"

John 1:1-5 *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. 4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.*

1. Who do you know Jesus to be?

a. Know him as God the Son. (Yet distinct within the Trinity.)

Colossians 2:9 *For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily,*

b. Know Him as God's "self revelation" to you. The Word.

1 John 1:1-3 *That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— 2 the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— 3 that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.*

Hebrews 1:1-3 *Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, 2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. 3 He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.*

2. What does Jesus do?

a. He creates. You know Him as your powerful creator, and you worship Him.

Genesis 1:1 *In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.*

Colossians 1:16 *For by him [God's Beloved Son] all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.*

b. A weak Savior does you no good.

Zephaniah 3:17 *The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.*

3. What does Jesus bring?

a. Life. Physical and spiritual life.

John 1:4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

John 11:25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live,

John 10:10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

b. Light. He is the logos. Jesus makes sense out of life.

John 8:12 Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

John 9:5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

John 12:46 I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness.

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