

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

## ❖ Introduction

### ➤ About John

- Close friend of Jesus...

### ➤ Last Week

- Remember the World is covered in Darkness...
- Things are turned upside down...
- What is right is often seen as wrong... and vice versa
  - When the Bible speaks of darkness, it does not mean nighttime...
  - It is talking about Spiritual Darkness... of evil... of things and ways that are opposed to God
  - The originator of such darkness is the Fallen Cherub Lucifer (we refer to him as Satan or the Devil, or the dragon, or the serpent)
  - He lifted up His heart with pride toward God, and rebelled against Him...
  - When men rebel against the ways of God, they are each one to a certain extent in darkness
- **Last Week**
- 1) Saw Jesus as the Word of God
- 2) Saw Jesus was in the Beginning... rather.. the beginning found its beginning from Him
  - He is the source of the beginning
- 3) Saw Jesus in relationship with God – The Father
- 4) Saw Jesus as God
  - Spoke briefly about the mystery of the doctrine of the Trinity...
  - And how it is imposed on us by the scriptures...
  - It is not a doctrine that man has concocted...

### ➤ Purpose Overall

- Get to know Jesus better

### ➤ Purpose Last Week

- Resolve to Know Jesus Deeply pt 1

### ➤ Purpose Today

- Resolve to Know Jesus Deeply pt 2
- 1) Going to start with See Jesus as Maker
- 2) Going to try to understand that Life finds its source in Jesus
- 3) The Life that comes from Jesus is Light for men
  - This light brings clarity and breaks through the darkness...
  - This is significant for men that are blinded as we all have been
- 4) Then we will see Jesus Overwhelms the Darkness

### ➤ Hopefully-

- These words: Creator, Life, light, darkness, etc
- Are more than just words today for you...
- More than words that we just throw out there without comprehension...

- But Words we understand the meaning to...
- I will try to define them as clearly as I can... so you can understand them in context then and now...
- **Heap these things into your Mind...**
  - Find that safe in your brain... That area that remembers really well..
  - Remembers Children's and Parents B Days... That Remembers the important stuff...
  - And Remember these things about Jesus...
    - They will serve you well in your walk with Him
    - And your fight against Satan..
      - ◆ Remember your battle is not with flesh and blood...
      - ◆ Ephesians 6:12<sup>12</sup> For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

<sup>3</sup>All things were made through Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made.

#### ❖ **Jesus: Maker**

- Psalm 33:6<sup>6</sup> By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host.
- **What all did He make...?**
  - The word for "all" in the Greek is "pas" and it means.... "All"
  - Everything...
  - This point should humble you before him today
- **Jesus, the Creator of all things**
- **Made:**
  - **Original language: "ginomai"**
    - To come into being, to happen, to become...
    - So all things that came into being, came into being through Jesus Christ the Son of God
      - ◆ NASB translates this verse" "All things came into being by Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being" (John 1:3).
- **The ability to create belongs to God alone**
  - He creates everything from nothing.
  - Simply by speaking.
    - **God spoke, and it was.**
    - Jesus is the Word of God.
- **Creator of more than what we see**
  - Heb 1.2b "through whom also he created the world"
  - **The Common Greek word for world is Kosmos**
  - But in Hebrews we see the word aionas used
    - Meaning ages...
    - Meaning Jesus created much more than just what we see.
    - Time, energy, space along with matter have been made by and through Christ.

#### **(VIDEO)**

- **Consider the vastness of our universe.**
  - If you could somehow put 1.2 million earths inside the sun,
    - you would have room left for 4.3 million moons.
  - The sun is 865,000 miles in diameter and is 93 million miles from the earth.

- Our next nearest star, Alpha Centauri, is 5 times larger than our sun.
- The North Star is 400 trillion miles away, but is still nearby in relation even to known space.
- The star Betelgeuse is 880 quadrillion miles (880 followed by fifteen zeroes) from us.
  - It has a diameter of 250 million miles, which is greater than that of the earth's orbit.

➤ **The Milky Way**

- Billions of stars
- 2,500 years to count them 1 sec at a time
- There are billions of galaxies... (that we know of... only that we know of)

➤ **Why is the Universe so BIG...**

- **Scientists and Arm Chair Scientists believe it is so there can be other inhabitable planets..**
  - So we can have some aliens with big eyes...
  - U can believe in them...
  - I think its funny and doesn't make sense biblically...
  - But it is not a big deal if you believe in them...
  - Ill think it is funny until I get abducted...
- **The universe is so big because God uses it to show us How Great He is...**
  - Psalm 19:1-4 The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. 2 Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. 3 There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard. 4 Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them he has set a tent for the sun,

➤ **Man should know this, consider this and live this**

- **Romans 1 – an inward look into heart and mind of man...**
- Romans 1:19-23 <sup>19</sup> For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. <sup>20</sup> For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. <sup>21</sup> For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. <sup>22</sup> Claiming to be wise, they became fools, <sup>23</sup> and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.
  - Do you see how the darkness of evil spread by Satan has come over men?
  - Men ignore that He even exists.
  - Instead of admitting we come from a Greater being...
  - We instead believe we came from “nothing, that became matter, that became living”

➤ **Application: What is the point here?**

- Isn't it obvious.... That you know who He is... that you know His Greatness...
- That you submit yourself to him as creature to the creator

➤ **To the Non-Christian:**

- Acknowledge Him as Creator this morning...

➤ **Consider the God, the Jesus who made it all.**

- Fear Him, Revere Him, Serve Him, Love Him, bow yourselves down to Him today.

<sup>4</sup> In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

❖ **Jesus: Life**

- 2 Ways this is True

## ➤ 1) Source of All life

### ▪ Life comes from Jesus....

- “In Him was Life”
- I think this is so neat....
- We can trace the beginning of Life back to its source....

### ▪ The Universe was given life by Jesus... by the Word of God...

- The Life that is in the grass and all plants... given by Jesus
- The Life within your dog or cat... given by Jesus
- The Life within all animals and insects... given by Jesus...
- The Life within YOU... is given by Jesus
- The life given to your children... is given by Jesus

### ▪ Christians versus modern atheistic culture:

- From Life all things came into being
- From nothing and lifeless matter came life...

### ▪ Life flows from Jesus

- Revelation 22:1-2 1 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb 2 through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

### ▪ From God comes All Life...

- It is His to give...
- Which means it is also His to take...

## ➤ 2) Source of All Spiritual Life

- John 5:24 Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

- John 5:26 For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself.

- 1 John 5:11 And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

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

- John 10:28 <sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.

## ➤ The Reason this is of the Utmost importance to us today....

### ▪ Everybody is dead until they have Jesus Christ... The scriptures are clear on this...

- Ephesians 2:1-2 <sup>1</sup> And you were dead in the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup> in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience
- Colossians 2:13 13 And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses,

## ➤ Why do you need to know this about Jesus?

- Because: Whatever is dead, He can give Life to it...
  - Your Soul... Marriage... Relationships...

- You need Eternal Life...

and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.”

## ❖ Jesus: Light

- **Jesus is the Source of Life – From that Life comes Light -**
- **Light – What does He mean?**
  - **Does actual light come from Jesus....**
    - Yes... And we see all kinds of light, all around us all the time...
    - Some we can not even see... and it is beautiful
    - He is the creator of Light...
    - **Genesis 1:3 3 And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light.**
  - **So, All light was created by Jesus**
    - But, is that what He is talking about here... no... but it is a perfect word to explain it...
- **Light for your Spirit**
  - It is easy to understand what He is meaning by light by reading the next verse...
  - **Vs 5... the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**
- **The Darkness – We have already defined and understand it is Evil that originates from Satan**
  - Darkness is what has come over mankind so that His God given desires
  - Have given way to lust and rebellion and Have been turned on its head
  - In the beginning when Adam and Eve (first two people) Sinned...
  - Mankind fell... (this is not a fairytale... You can see the results all around you...)
  - From that point on, we have lived in a darkened world...
    - **1 John 5:19b .... and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.**
- **Now.... The Light We See with our Eyes...**
  - Radiates throughout the Universe:
  - And the Universe is filled with Dark – places...
    - Dark Matter – Scientists are not sure what it is, they just call it dark matter...
  - But light breaks through that so what would be unseen is now seen
    - Planets and Moons and Rocks and Stuff out there...
  - On Earth, the Sun brings forth its light to radiate our world so we can see...
  - We can flip a switch in our home to go from darkness to light...
- **IN The Same Way... The light from Jesus comes to man...**
- **A Perfect Analogy explaining the Light that comes from the Life that flows from Jesus**
  - The light of Jesus Christ illuminates the darkness of our soul
- **Let me give you a Few Verses that Explain this Truth**
  - **2 Peter 1:3-4 3 His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, 4 by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.**
    - From Jesus we have been given knowledge for LIFE and GODLINESS
    - So we can Escape the Corruption in the world Because of Sinful Desire... (Darkness)

- Matthew 4:16 16 the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.”
  - expound
- John 8:12 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.”
  - expound
- John 12:46 I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness.
  - expound
- 2 Corinthians 4:6 <sup>6</sup> For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.
  - expound
- **Spiritual Light has Shined into the Darkness of our Souls...**
  - This Light Shows us...
  - That God is What is to be treasured...
    - Purity, love, mercy, kindness, gentleness, patience, self control, humility – These are noble things
  - The light comes in and we can now see the “filth that needs to be cleaned”
- **Cockroaches – They love the dark... they come out in the dark...**
  - When you flick on the light.. they all scatter and hide...
  - Jesus shines a light on the cockroaches that have invaded the Human soul...
- **Why do you need this light from God?**
  - **As a Non – Christian**
    - You currently live in a darkness over your soul that needs to be illuminated...
    - You are blind to your current state before God
    - You are blind to the fact that you need God
    - You can not see clearly where you are headed... You need this light
  - **As a Christian**
    - You still live in a land of darkness... surrounding you on all sides...
    - And... you are still not perfect... Christ is still removing your filth...
    - Sanctification... a process

and the darkness has not overcome it.

#### ❖ **Jesus: Overwhelming**

- **In the Same Way Jesus gave life to:**
  - Lazarus
  - Little Girl
  - Rose Himself from the grave saying....
- **He calls mankind out of darkness**
  - Isaiah 49:9 <sup>9</sup> saying to the prisoners, ‘Come out,’ to those who are in darkness, ‘Appear.’ They shall feed along the ways; on all bare heights shall be their pasture;
  - We must listen and respond

- **Has NOT overcome it...**
  - 1 of 2 meanings... and maybe both...
    - 1) The darkness did not understand it... it could not grasp it...
    - 2) The darkness has not overcome the light from Christ...
  - Both are True...And HE may mean both
- **The life from Jesus can bring life to that which is Dead**
- **The light from Jesus can Overwhelm the darkness....**
- Trust that Jesus can overwhelm the Darkness...
  - IN your own life...
  - In the life of others you pray for...

#### ❖ **Darkness as a means of Separation from God**

- **There is an outer darkness created by God**
  - For the punishment of sin and rebellion and all that:
  - In pride, fail to admit their Sins...
  - Fail to admit their need for Christ to take away their sins...
- **Matthew 25:30** *And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'*

#### ❖ **Invitation –**

- **Summary Verse:**
  - **Ephesians 5:7-14** *"...Therefore do not become partners with them; 8 for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light 9 (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), 10 and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. 11 Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. 12 For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. 13 But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, 14 for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."*
- **How do you get it...**
  - **It is being given to you today... Through the Word of God...**
    - The Bible is God's means of giving us light...
    - It is His Word to us...
    - He has Spoken to us Through His Son, Here in the Bible...
  - **And the Spirit of God moves and Works with His Word**
    - Confirming its truth to you
    - Bringing conviction to your sins...
    - Shining light on your dark places