

Jesus Christ: *The True Light*

John 1:9-13

Introduction

I. The *Light* of Divine Truth has come in the Person of Jesus Christ

v9 *The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.*

Isaiah 49:6

Isaiah 9:2

1 John 2:8

"The true" Gk *alethinos*;

The false: John 8:44

"truth" Gk *aletheia*;

2 Corinthians 11:14-15

"enlightens everyone"

There is a sense in which God reveals Himself externally to all through creation.

Romans 1:20

...and morally/internally in the consciences of all mankind...

Romans 2:15

II. The Creator, now appearing, unrecognized by His own creation

v10 *He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him.*

"He was in the world"

"In Him was life" (v4). He is life itself.

"He upholds the universe by the word of his power." Hebrews 1:3

Without His constant attendance no life could exist.

"the world did not know him" Gk *ginosko*;

More than knowing *about* Him. The word implies a *relationship*.

III. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, rejected by His own people

v11 He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.

"He came to his own"

John 19:27

"did not receive him" Gk *paralambano*;

In other words, they would not *abide* Him, and so they did not *obey* Him.

IV. All those who receive Jesus as the Christ, receive adoption as children of God

v12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,

Galatians 4:4-7

"believed in his name"

The overarching goal of the revelation of Jesus Christ – *believe who He is!*

"for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith." Galatians 3:26

The Giver is the Gift

"he gave"

John 3:16-21

"the right" i.e., authorization;

"to become" a radical change of status.

2 Corinthians 5:17-18a

"children" Gk *tekna*; 'child, son or daughter.'

V. Salvation, not of man, but of God

v13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

"who were born"

i.e., the second birth—*born again*.

"not of the blood"

i.e., not of ancestry; or, possibly a reference to physical childbirth.

Born from above

John 3:3-8

"nor of the will of the flesh"

Because the flesh is fallen and therefore opposed to the things of the Spirit.

Galatians 5:17

Romans 8:7-9

Romans 8:12-14

"nor of the will of man"

i.e., not by sheer force of man's will apart from the intervention of God.

"but of God"

Ephesians 2:4-5

Isaiah 42:6-7

Colossians 1:12-14

COMMUNION

Anticipating His Crucifixion

John 9:4-5

At His Crucifixion

Luke 23:44-47

After His Crucifixion

Matthew 5:14-16