

The Greatness of Christ's Love (John 1:5-13)

- Two Sundays ago, began looking at John's account of the incarnation
- The incarnation is at the very heart of Christianity (1 Tim 3:16)
- We have already seen these key truths regarding the incarnation:
 - 1) Jesus Christ was eternally pre-existent (1:1a)
 - 2) Jesus Christ was (is) eternally in relationship (1:1b)
 - 3) Jesus Christ was (is) eternally God (1:1c-2)
 - 4) Jesus Christ was eternally Creator (1:3-4)
- v 4-13 Jesus as light stresses revelation, rejection & reception of his love

I. The Light Revealed (vv.4-9)

- Light has shone in the darkness but the darkness has not overcome it
- Apart from the light of Messiah sinners would perish in utter darkness
- God chose to use a preacher by the name of John to proclaim that light
- The light shines continually, all men are created in the image of God

II. The Light Rejected (vv.5, 10-11)

- He made the world, came into it, yet the world did not recognize Him
- He came to His own but His own did not receive Him

III. Light Received (vv.12-13)

- Those who received the light – He gave the right to be children of God
- John is clear, they who have the right are those who believe in His name

1 John 3: 1, 2; Act 2: 38