

# GOD IS HERE PART 2

## “THE LIGHT!” JOHN 1:4-13

Introduction:

In John 1:4-13 John introduces us to Jesus by a different title: “The Light.”

### A. Life is a recurring theme in John’s gospel.

What are the essentials for human life?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ He is the light of life and the Light of the World (John 8:12).
2. \_\_\_\_\_ By His Holy Spirit He gives us the “breath of life” (John 3:8; 20:22).
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus is the water of Life (4:10, 13-14; 7:37-39).
4. \_\_\_\_\_ In John 6:35, we see that Jesus is the Living Bread of Life that came down from heaven.
5. He not only has life and gives life, but He IS life! (14:6)

### B. Light and darkness are also recurring themes in John’s writings.

1. God is \_\_\_\_\_ (1 John 1:5) and Satan is the power of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. People \_\_\_\_\_ either the light or the darkness, and this love controls their actions (John 3:16-19).
3. Those who believe on Christ are the “Sons of light” (12:35-36).

### C. Sinners hate the Light and Love the darkness.

1. Throughout the gospel of John you will see these two attitudes revealed: people will not understand what the Lord is saying and doing and, as a result, they will oppose Him.
2. Whenever Jesus taught a spiritual truth, His listeners often interpreted it in a material or physical way. The light was unable to penetrate the darkness of their mind.

This was true when He spoke about:

- a. the temple of His \_\_\_\_\_ (2:19-21)
- b. the new \_\_\_\_\_ (3:4)
- c. the living \_\_\_\_\_ (4:11)
- d. eating His \_\_\_\_\_ (6:51ff)
- e. spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ (8:30-36)
- f. death as \_\_\_\_\_ (11:11-13)

### D. Understanding the ministry of John the Baptist. John 1:6-8

1. Why did Israel reject Jesus Christ? Because they “knew Him not”. They were spiritually ignorant!  
Jesus is the “true light” – the original of which every other light is a copy- but the Jews were content with the copies.
  - a. They had Moses and the \_\_\_\_\_, the temple and the sacrifices; but they did not understand that these “lights” pointed to the true Light who was the fulfillment, the completion, of the Old Testament religion.

- b. In John's Gospel Jesus is teaching the people that He is the fulfillment of all that is typified in the Law.
- 1) It is not enough to be born a \_\_\_\_\_; they had to be born again, born from above.
  - 2) He performed two miracles on the Sabbath day on purpose, to teach that he had a new rest to give them.
  - 3) But the people were so shackled by \_\_\_\_\_ that they could not understand spiritual truth.
  - 4) This is still true today. Some people are so bound up by Church \_\_\_\_\_, they act as if the Church is the source of spiritual life!
- c. The people of Jesus' day saw His works and heard His words. They observed His perfect life. He gave them every opportunity to grasp the truth, believe, and be saved.
- 1.) Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_, but they would not walk with Him.
  - 2.) He is the \_\_\_\_\_, but they would not believe Him.
  - 3.) He is the \_\_\_\_\_, but they crucified Him.
- d. But sinners today do not have to make those same mistakes. John 1:12-13 gives us the wonderful promise that anyone who receives Christ will be born again and enters the family of God!
- 1.) All you have to do is \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus is the Son of God, the Messiah, the Savior of the world; that he died for your sin; that he rose from the dead and is alive today.
  - 2.) Then you must \_\_\_\_\_ Him. The Bible says, "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."
  - 3.) To receive Him means to invite Him into your life and to surrender your life over to Him.
  - 4.) If you will believe and receive Him, you WILL be born of God.

### Conclusion:

Are you ready to receive Christ as your personal Saviour and as the True light of your life?

If you are already a believer, are you letting the Light shine through you? Are you shedding light on the darkness around you?