

"The Coming Light"

John 1:9-13

Introduction: Last week in our study we looked at one verse in John 1, and it was John 1:9.

Notice John 1:9

We considered two thoughts here.

1. Jesus is the TRUE Light.

This tells us that there is artificial/counterfeit light that exists today. The counterfeit light comes from Satan, and he has deceived many with his presentation of this false light. He has convinced many to follow a false gospel or to follow a false doctrine which leads them down a path of destruction or a path of confusion. I believe that his false light is brighter today than it has ever been and one place where Satan uses this light is social media. There are so many people today that are misled by what is on social media and not only are they misled into false teaching, but they are also being led down a path straight to eternal damnation. Much of the problem that exists today is a lack of teaching in the church and also the fact that many get their theology from social media and not the Bible.

2. Jesus lights every man that comes into the world.

On Sunday evening we considered a verse that helps us to see what John is saying here.

Ecclesiastes 3:10-11

¹⁰ I have seen the travail, which God hath given to the sons of men to be exercised in it.

¹¹ He hath made every thing beautiful in his time: also he hath set the world (eternity) in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end.

There comes a time in every person's life when they think about eternity. They become troubled as they consider the thought of dying and what comes after this life. This "eternity" that God places in the heart of man is the light that lights every person who comes into the world. We all face the light from the Lord that shines into our lives.

This now brings us to where we are this evening.

➤ **A World in Darkness**

Notice John 1:10

This is a very sad verse. This is what we know as Christmas. It was in the incarnation. The Creator became a Man and came to live in His own creation and was unknown by the inhabitants that He came to save.

Luke 2:10-12

¹⁰ And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

¹² And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

The Light came into the world of darkness and the people in the darkness shunned the Light. They loved their sinful ways and therefore they ran from the Light in order to hold on to their sin. We can see the heart of man in the book of Revelation.

Revelation 6:12-17

¹² And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood;

¹³ And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind.

¹⁴ And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.

¹⁵ And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains;

¹⁶ And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb:

¹⁷ For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?

We get more insight as to why they hid themselves.

Revelation 9:20-21

²⁰ And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk:

²¹ Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.

They loved their sin and while many will know that the judgments are from God they still will not turn to Him. Jesus Christ made the world and came to the world He had made, and the world did not know Him and can also add, did not desire to know Him. If we go further in Revelation, we see an even darker picture of the true nature of man.

Revelation 19:17-19

¹⁷ And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God;

¹⁸ That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great.

¹⁹ And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.

When Jesus returns at the end of the Great Tribulation the armies of the Anti-Christ will fight against Him. Getting back to John, the world did not know Him and neither did the world want to know Him.

Do you see how gracious God is? If it was not for Him drawing us to Himself, we would never come to Him. We owe our lives to Him!!!

Romans 3:10-11

¹⁰ As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:

¹¹ There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.

John 6:44

⁴⁴ No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.

Notice John 1:11

If it were not sad enough that the world did not recognize its Creator, here we see that His own people rejected Him when He came. The world missed Him because of ignorance; Israel did not accept Him because of unbelief. To add to this John tells us He came directly to His people, the Jews. They had been told the very day when Jesus would come to Jerusalem.

Daniel 9:25

²⁵ Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.

This is considered to be the greatest mathematical prophecy in the Bible. The Jews should have known the very day of His triumphal entry.

Luke 19:41-42

⁴¹ And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it,

⁴² Saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes.

They should have known the day He would enter Jerusalem, but He did not fit the picture in their minds for what the King would be like. Isaiah had foretold of the Jews rejection of their King.

Isaiah 53:1-4

Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?

² For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.

³ He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

⁴ Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

Israel had all the Words of the prophets which had foretold of the coming of the Messiah even to the very day of His triumphal entry and even to the place of His birth.

Micah 5:2

² But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.

If this was not enough, God sent the wise men from the east when Jesus was born.

Matthew 2:1-6

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem,

² Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

³ When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

⁴ And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born.

⁵ And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet,

⁶ And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.

Notice John 1:12

This is such a wonderful verse. We learn here that there was a remnant of Jews that did rest their faith in Jesus Christ and were saved. This verse points to the grace of God. We know that those who did believe on Jesus did not seek God, but He sought them. It is true that God seeks all men, and it was this remnant that had made the choice to not run from the Light but instead to run to the Light. The words "as many as received Him" point directly to the responsibility of man.

Notice John 1:12 again.

God in His power causes those who believe to be born again and therefore we become the sons of God.

Conclusion/application:

Salvation is available to all who will believe. What does it mean to believe on Jesus Christ? It is far more than knowing that He exists. It means to trust Him for spiritual well-being. It is to trust that He died in your place, and He took all your sin and paid the penalty for every sin you committed. It is believing that He and He alone can save you.