



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: John 8:12 (NAS)

“The Light of the World”

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8 Again therefore Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world; he who follows Me shall not walk in the darkness, but shall have the light of life."

I. THE DARKNESS OF THIS WORLD

- A. The Darkness Of Foolishness And Ignorance *Psalm 82:5; Micah 3:6*
- B. The Darkness Of Evil *Proverbs 2:13; 4:19; John 3:19*
- C. The Darkness Of Emotional Turmoil *Isaiah 8:22; Ephesians 6:2*
- D. The Dark Shadow Of God’s Judgement *Zephaniah 1:1; Matthew 22:13*
- E. We Too Easily Become Accustom To That Darkness

II. THE WORLD WAS NOT BORN IN DARKNESS

- A. God Said, “Let There Be Light”
- B. God Gave Adam And Eve The Light Of His Presence
- C. Darkness Entered With Sin
- D. The Old Testament Is Filled With Promise Of The Light To Come
Psalm 27:1; Isaiah 9:2
- E. Zacharias’ Prophecies Of The Imminent Coming Of The Light
Luke 1:78-79

III. JESUS THE LIGHT

- A. Jesus Illuminates and Dispels The Darkness Of:

1. Ignorance
2. Evil
3. Emotional Bondage
4. Judgement

B. Jesus Describes Himself As The Light

1. Through the 7 great I AM statements in John
2. He declares His divinity
3. With the definite article “the” He stands alone in this position
4. The feast of light points to Jesus

IV. THE CHURCH MUST PROCLAIM “THE LIGHT”

- A. Not A Prosperity Gospel
- B. Not A Self-Help Gospel
- C. Jesus Is The Light
- D. We Only Benefit From Him When We Follow Him
 1. In His Word
 2. In prayer
 3. Follow Him through the wilderness of this life
 4. Follow him into glory