



## **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