***The Glory of the Son: Full of Grace and Truth, John 1:1-18***

**The Logos as the Light in Darkness**

**I. “In Him was Life” meaning The Word: Is the very basis of existence, John 1:1, The Creator of life, 1:3, Lived an incredible, divine, supernatural life, 1:4, Gives eternal, spiritual and physical life, 1:5**

**Interlude – Light and Darkness in the Bible**

**1. Light = truth and Darkness = lies**

* **Light: We are in the light when we have the right information AND we think the right way about the information**
* **Darkness: We are in darkness when we do not have the right information OR we think the wrong way about the information**

**2. Light = righteousness and Darkness = unrighteousness**

* **Light: We are in the light when we do the right things according to God’s truth**
* **Darkness: We are in darkness when we do the wrong things according to God’s truth**

**II. “That Life was the Light of men and the Light shines in the darkness”…**

* **We by nature are in darkness and we by nature love the darkness because we want to live our life the way we want to live it, John 3:18-20, John 8:12**
* **Jesus is Light and Jesus shines Light providing truth and righteousness in the way He lived His life and providing truth and righteousness to all who believe in Him, John 1:4-5, John 1:9, John 8:12**

**III. The darkness did not comprehend it**

* **This could mean “the darkness did not overcome it” (see John 12:35 for parallel use of the this term) – rejection and crucifixion of the Logos followed by His triumphant resurrection**
* **More like the Light was visible, obvious, clear, while shining into our dark existence and our minds could not understand or comprehend the Light (see John 1:9-11) – So incredible is the Logos dwelling among us that we could not wrap our minds around the nature of His life**

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**The Logos as the Giver of Life**

**Introduction**

* **Last two weeks: I. “In Him was Life” meaning The Word: Is the very basis of existence, John 1:1, The Creator of life, 1:3, Lived an incredible, divine, supernatural life, 1:4, Gives eternal, spiritual and physical life, 1:5**
* Asked Austin last Sunday about the sermon – “I didn’t really get what you were saying.”
* That is a bad sign because he tends to be a pretty good listener
* So when he said that I decided that I should make sure I had communicated the concepts well and then move to the next topic
* Assignment for kids – you are to draw a picture on the front Light = Truth, Darkness = Lies
* On back of sheet Light = Doing the Right Thing, Darkness = Doing the Wrong Thing
* Now that they have their assignment lets lay this out this week with a little more detail than last week
* **Read John 1:4 (Slide 2)**
* **Read John 1:5 (Slide 3)**

**Interlude – Light and Darkness in the Bible**

**1. Light = truth and Darkness = lies**

* Two Ways Light and Darkness used in the bible
* Truth vs lies AND Righteousness vs unrighteousness
* And these two are interconnected – knowing truth is necessary to the practice of righteousness
* **Read Proverbs 4:18-19 (Slide 4)**
* **Read II Corinthians 4:3-4 (Slide 5)**
* **Read II Corinthians 4:6 (Slide 6)**
* Light is linked to knowledge – the ability to see Biblical, divine truth
* **Light: We are in the light when we have the right information AND we think the right way about the information**
* **Darkness: We are in darkness when we do not have the right information OR we think the wrong way about the information**
* Knowledge is essential but it is not sufficient
* Knowledge followed by obedience to the knowledge is necessary

**2. Light = righteousness and Darkness = unrighteousness**

* **Light: We are in the light when we do the right things according to God’s truth**
* **Darkness: We are in darkness when we do the wrong things according to God’s truth**
* **Read Isaiah 5:20 (Slide 7)**
* **Read Ephesians 5:7-9 (Slide 8)**
* **Read John 3:19 (Slide 9)**
* **Read John 3:20 (Slide 10)**
* **Read John 3:21 (Slide 11)**
* **“Practices the truth comes to the Light”**
* **Read I John 1:5-7 (Slide 12)**
* Illustration: Truth – my Triglycerides are high
* Light – seeing and acknowledging that my triglycerides are high
* Righteousness – making right choices based on what I know
* Light: forgoing the bacon wrapped, grilled onion with nachos at the ballpark
* Right thinking matched with right acting
* God uses the illustration of light as a picture of both truth and righteousness

**II. “That Life was the Light of men and the Light shines in the darkness”…**

* **We looked at the last two weeks: life and light are coextensive**
* **If someone is seeing truth and practicing truth then they have life**
* **We by nature are in darkness and we by nature love the darkness because we want to live our life the way we want to live it, John 3:18-20, John 8:12**
* **Jesus is Light and Jesus shines Light providing truth and righteousness in the way He lived His life and providing truth and righteousness to all who believe in Him, John 1:4-5, John 1:9, John 8:12**

**III. The darkness did not comprehend it**

* **Now to last phrase of John 1:5 “and the darkness did not comprehend it.”**
* **Read John 1:5 (Slide 13) in the NASB**
* **Read John 1:5 (Slide 14) in the NLT**
* **Read John 12:35 (Slide 15)**
* **This could mean “the darkness did not overcome it” (see John 12:35 for parallel use of the this term) – rejection and crucifixion of the Logos followed by His triumphant resurrection**
* **Read John 1:9-11 (Slide 16)**
* **More like the Light was visible, obvious, clear, while shining into our dark existence and our minds could not understand or comprehend the Light (see John 1:9-11) – So incredible is the Logos dwelling among us that we could not wrap our minds around the nature of His life**
* **Read John 1:5 (Slide 17)**
* **Blank slide (Slide 18)**