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

**The True Light Coming Into the World, John 1:1-11**

**I. In the beginning was the Word, John 1:1-3**

A. He is with God

B. He is God

C. He is Creator

**II. In Him was life, John 1:4-5**

A. That life was the Light of men

B. The Light shines in the darkness

C. The darkness could not overcome or comprehend the Light

**III. John: witness to the Light, John 1:6-8**

A. He himself was not the Light

B. He came to testify about the Light so that ALL might believe through him

**IV. The Word, Jesus Christ: The True Light, John 1:9**

A. Coming into the world

B. Enlightening everyone

**V. Darkness is still present in the Enlightening Presence of the Word, John 1:10-11**

A. He was in the world

B. He made the world and everyone in the world

C. The world did not know Him

D. The world did not receive Him

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**Scripture Reading and Prayer,**

* **Video of church (Slide 1)**
* Last point from the sermon for last week, religious legalism can destroy our joy
* **Read Galatians 4:9-11 (Slide 2)**
* Picture from last week that I only showed to the late service
* **Slide 3 (Picture of Mary Arek)**
* **Read John 1:1-14 (Slides)**

**Introduction (Header – Slide 1)**

* Return to our study of John 1, the prologue of this great gospel
* I want to do just a brief reminder of where we are in the study as we have been off topic for four or five weeks now
* **Read John 1:1-3 (Slide 2)**
* Jesus Christ, the Son of God, eternally abiding with the Father, Creator of the world and all things in the world
* **Read John 1:4-5 (Slide 3)**
* In Him was Life – as Creator He is the giver of life, as Savior He is the giver of new life so that in His life as Creator and as Savior, His life is Light in darkness
* **Read John 1:6-8 (Slide 4)**
* Maybe an issue with a cult of John followers, where the writer is wanting to communicate clearly that John is not equal to Jesus or almost equal to Jesus
* John is simply a witness to the true light, he is a lamp and Jesus is the Light
* **Read John 1:9 (Slide 5)**
* The true Light, John is a lamp but Jesus is like a million suns and John is like a flashlight
* This true Light is coming (John’s use of writing in the present tense as if you are reading these events in His gospel and can watch them unfold
* As if John is saying, see, there is the true Light coming into the world, do you see Him, do you see the true Light coming into the world
* Couple of observations –
* First, He is already the true Light, His coming into the world simply revealed who He already was, “In Him was life, and that life was the Light of men…”
* Second, “coming into the world” is the first real statement about the incarnation of the Logos
* Third, the “True Light,” by coming into the world “enlightens everyone”
* What is meant by this? Is this a statement to say, “everyone” means “everyone” who receives Him?
* Clean water in Jaac
* **Picture 1 (Slide 6)**
* **Picture 2 (Slide 7)**
* That might be like saying, “This clean water from this yellow bag, it is good for everyone in Jaac”
* **John 1:9 (Slide 8)**
* I think the context will help us, is it that Jesus enlightens everyone who receives Him or is that He enlightens everyone and only some receive Him
* I am going with the latter because of the next verse
* **Read John 1:10-11 (Slide 9)**
* He came to those who were His own, those already enlightened by Him because He had made them
* Two observations –
* First, who are “His own” – those He created or the Jews
* The context seems to be everyone, all the individuals He created
* Second, He enlightens everyone, why don’t they receive His enlightening
* **Read John 3:19-20 (Slide 10)**
* Despite the enlightening, they rejected Him because their deeds are evil
* **Read John 1:10-11 (slide 11)**
* We will discuss next week this idea of receiving Him as a picture of believing

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