

The Gospel of John #3

1:3-5

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“In Him was Life”

Intro: As we open the Scripture this morning, let us be very careful not to pass over these verses too quickly, for here in a few words God has written for our learning some of the _____ we will ever hear.

A. And, if even the smallest seed of _____ is planted in us, it will yield much _____!

John 1:3-5

I. “_____ came into being _____.”

A. _____ (not some things, not most things, but all things) came into being _____ Christ!

B. Apart from Christ Jesus not one thing, or more literally, “_____ even the _____” came into being that has come into being. From first to last all that exists, exists through Jesus Christ!

1. Romans 1:20, “For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been _____, being understood through what has been made, ...” And therefore, all “are _____.”

II. In _____ had always been _____.

A. The word “life” (Gr. zoe) in an absolute sense speaks of the _____ life. If we are going to catch the full and most important meaning of this word, we must be sure to go beyond the thought of physical life and think more on the idea of _____.

1. That life was in Him is important to understand for it this fact that gives meaning to such verses of Scripture as John 5:_____ - _____ & 10:_____ - _____. ... Listen to the claim Jesus makes! John 14:6, “Jesus said to him, ‘_____ the way, and the truth, and _____; no one comes to the Father, but through Me.’” This is why John wrote, 20:30-31, “Many other signs therefore Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these have been written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have _____.”

B. “... and the life was the _____.”

1. Being a created living being, man “came into being by Him for apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being” for the life (Jesus) is the light of men. Man needs to search for the _____ of life no longer for the Scripture declares that the origin of _____ is

_____!

2. But spiritually speaking, and more to the point of the text, Christ Jesus is the _____ light of men. That is, the One who has intelligently and powerfully communicated God to mankind, and in so doing, who has shown the light (the truth, the moral purity, the holiness, the life and person of God) to mankind and through whom man is granted the same eternal _____ that is _____.

a. Jesus said, John 8:12, "I am the light of the world; he who follows Me shall not walk in the darkness, but shall have the _____ of _____." Therefore, just as He can take lifeless dirt and make it a living being, He is the One who can take one who is spiritually _____, and make them spiritually _____! (Cf. Eph. 2:1-6)

III. "... the _____ in the darkness ..."

A. "Darkness" is a figurative term for _____ all its _____.

B. The darkness _____ comprehend the light.

1. The word "comprehend" means to "_____ or apprehend." I believe the NIV rightly catches the meaning saying, "but the darkness has _____ understood it." Having not comprehended the light, the darkness rejects the light through _____. (Cf. John 3:19 & 1:10-11)

2. Though the Word communicated God clearly, and the light of God shone brightly, and though no darkness can overcome the light, sinful men _____ to comprehend nor _____ that Jesus is the Eternal God. And therefore, they have _____ or portion of the light of life, for their heart is not right with God.

Closing: One can spend their entire life and a world of resources searching for answers to the meaning and extending of life, but until they cease their search and _____ the _____, they will be eternally condemned.

Let us hear and comprehend this: the great enemy of the truth "comes only to steal, and kill, and destroy, But that we might have life, and that we might have it abundantly" (Cf. John 10:10). Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; he who follows Me shall not walk in the darkness, but shall _____ the light of _____" (John 8:12).

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