“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 __________ of 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).