

Following the Message

1.) vs 4 “*In him was life...*”, means- before anything else but God, there was **ALREADY** life in God. This is a truth of God’ **SELF-EXISTENCE**.

2.) The scriptural Truth of God as Creator is perhaps the most assaulted truth of all. If the world successfully **ELIMINATES** the concept of “**CREATION**”, it then can get rid of a Creator. This leaves individuals free to live however they want, absent of **RESPONSIBILITY** to a Creator King.

3.) The Bible teaches **LIFE** gave rise to **MATTER**; physical matter **DID NOT** give rise to life. First there was life, then physical matter and energy came because, “*In the beginning was the Word... and in him was life.*”

4.) vs 5 Despite Satan’s furious assaults on the Light, the darkness did not **OVERCOME** or conquer as it sought to **EXTINGUISH** the light and life.

5.) We can know that John the Baptist was the “one sent from God” through 4 forms of Biblical confirmation:

- 1) - fulfilled OT prophecies regarding Messiah’s forerunner
- 2) - his birth was miraculous/parents were old - (Luke 1:7, 36)
- 3) - angel came to tell Zacharias/son be the forerunner of Jesus (Luke 1:8–17)
- 4) - Holy Spirit filled Zacharias to prophesy concerning John (Luke 1:67–79)

6.) When vs 9 says this light “*enlightens everyone*”, it means Christ’s light-giving life is **OFFERED** to all as the only remedy. So, “*the true light enlightens everyone*” means everyone who **RECEIVES** it.

7.) vs 11 is speaking of the Nation of Israel as a whole (not all/but most). In spite of all their many **SPIRITUAL ADVANTAGES** they have been blind to their own Messiah!

8) In vs 12 we see that to “*receive*” Christ means more than mere **INTELLECTUAL** acknowledgment. Those who receive are those who believe in “*His name*”, meaning the **TOTALITY** of Christ Jesus as Savior and Lord of your life.

Greek words used today:

Zoë – (spiritual life) the state of vitality- *one who is animate*; every living soul

Bios - physical life

Napah- (literal, to *inflate, blow hard- kindle*):- breath

Neshama- a vital *breath, divine inspiration, intellect, soul, spirit*

Katalambano (kat-al-am-ban'-o) to *seize:- apprehend (over-) take*

Alethinos (true) what is real and genuine; *that which has not only the name, but the real nature corresponding to the name.*

Lambano (lam-ban'-o) [**received**] - take hold of, obtain:- grasp

Palingenesia (palin) and (genesis); (spiritual) *rebirth - spiritual renovation*

For The week ahead:

John 1:12 states plainly; **NO ONE** would come to believe in Jesus unless **He gave them the right to become children of God**. It is entirely the work of God when He calls us through His Holy Spirit. We are saved entirely by “*grace ... through faith; and that not of ourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast*” Eph. 2:8–9

How does the reality of the Truths you’ve heard today change or help your perspective of God? Have you gained further insight into the image or “portrait” of God?

How can you apply the principles of these truths this week?

How might these issues be carried into your prayer life?
