

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?

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

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How might these issues be carried into your prayer life?

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