

Scripture: John 1:3-18; 8:12

I. Jesus is the _____, source of eternal life and the deliverer of light to the world. (3-5)

1. The lost cannot see because they are entrenched in the darkness of this world. John 3:18-21;
2. Through Jesus God sent light into a dark world. Luke 1(78-79) 2 Corinthians 4:6; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5
3. Jesus is the source of life and light. John 17:3; 1 Corinthians 2:14

II. Christ as light is helps _____ the darkness of sin. John 8:12; Isaiah 61:1-3

1. The key to living in the light of Jesus is obedience. John 15:3-8 John 8:31-32;36
3. We must not allow the darkness to return in our lives. Romans 13:11-14 ; Philippians 2:12-15

III. Jesus _____ the true nature of God. John 1:14;17-18

1. There is a significant difference when you live in the light. John 12:46; 1 John 1:5-7; Hebrews 4:16; Matthew 11:28-30

Thought for the Day

This advent season has certainly been unlike any in recent memory. It been a lot like the rest 2020. Folks are filled with fear and uncertainty about their jobs, their health wondering if this nightmare Pandemic is ever going to end. Churches have missed regular worship; Easter services and Christmas services are being threatened. Our nation is once again divided through race relations and politics. Those are the problems on the surface the ones we know about. Addictions, drug overdoses, homelessness and other problem are being forgotten. It's almost as if someone turned out lights on a nation with some much potential. Jesus came into a world not much different than the one we live in today. When He came, he brought hope revealing the light of the truth about who God and how much better life could be for all people through grace and truth. The church was sent on a mission to evangelize and tell people the truth about Jesus and teach them how to enjoy the blessings of grace. Something happened along the way. Man lost the place to find truth. Truth became relative and man developed a worldview independent of God. Truth was turned into a lie and light was turned to darkness. When Jesus was on the cross there was total darkness in the middle of the day. That was a picture of what the world would be like without Jesus. Still there is hope because there still is light. The light of Jesus shed in our hearts revealed to us by the Holy Spirit. May we appreciate the light God has created within us. It is easier to notice the light when it is found in the darkness. We are called to shine as lights in a crooked and perverse nation. Staying home gives us time to read the Bible allowing God to reveal more truth giving us more light to reflect. **Pastor Bruce**