

**“Come To The Light”**  
**John 1:6-11**

**Introduction:**

1. This Morning - We Are Going To Get Back Into:
  - Our *Own* Series Through:
    - The Gospel Of John:
      - Which We Started At:
        - The Beginning Of The Year!
    - So - Please Turn Back:
      - In Your Bibles With Me:
        - To John Chapter 1:
          - Where - I'd Like For Us To Read Together:
            - The First 11 Verses Of John's Prologue To His Book!
2. Starting With - John 1:1-5:
  - “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. / The same was in the beginning with God. / All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. / In him was life; and the life was the light of men. / And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not!”
    - This Is Where We Left Off - Two Weeks Ago!
      - But - The Glorious Light Generated By:
        - The Living Word Described Here By John:
          - Was Not “Comprehended” By The Darkness!
      - A Sad State Of Affairs:
        - Which Has Not Changed All That Much:
          - Since The Beginning!
            - But Then - John Adds - 1:6-11:
              - “There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. / The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. / He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. / That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. / He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. / He came unto his own, and his own received him not!”
3. Every Day:
  - You And I Experience:
    - Both Light And Darkness!
      - Light - During The Day! And:
      - Darkness - During The Night!
        - And - Its Been This Way:
          - From The Beginning!
  - And Yet - *We* Have A Great Advantage:
    - To Be Able To Accomplish Just As Much:
      - At Night - When There Is No Natural Light:
        - As We Can:
          - During The Day!
      - Because - All You Have To Do:
        - If You Want Light:
          - Is To Turn On A Switch!
            - **IE**: During The Winter - I Have A Hard Time When It Gets Dark - My Melatonin Levels Must Be High - So - Sometimes - To Stay Awake & Get Things Done - Turn On All The Lights! LED's Have Made That Economical As Well!
4. But - What Is True For Us:
  - When It Comes To:
    - The Natural & Physical Light:
      - That We Use To:
        - See By & Work By & Live By!
    - Is Not True For Us:
      - When It Comes To:

- The Spiritual Light:
    - That Comes From God:
      - That - 1:5 - “Shineth In Darkness!”
  - And The Reason Why:
    - Is Because - As Jesus Will Say In:
      - 3:19 - “Men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil!”
    - So - When You Need Light:
      - To Light Up Your *House*:
        - You Turn It On:
          - Almost Without Thinking About It!
      - But - When You Need Light:
        - To Light Up Your *Heart & Your Life*:
          - You Turn From It:
            - And Remain In The Dark!
5. Well - John Wants You:
- To Not Make This Mistake Any Longer!
    - Instead - He Is Writing These Words:
      - To Get You To:
        - *See* The Light - And To:
          - *Come* To The Light!
    - Because - *This* Light:
      - You Don’t Even Need To Turn On!
        - It Already “Shineth In The Darkness!” (1:5)
          - *He* Is Already Shining:
            - Into *Your* Darkness!
    - So - Don’t **Turn From:**
      - The Light - In Your Life!
        - **Turn To:**
          - The Light - With All Of Your Heart!
6. And - In 1:6-11 - We Find:
- Two Great Reasons Why:
    - You **Can** Come To The Light - Why:
      - You **Should** Come To The Light - And Why:
        - You **Must** Come To The Light!
    - Because Of - First:
      - The Powerful Witness To The Light:
        - That We Find In 1:6-8! And:
    - Because Of - Second:
      - The Powerful Work Of The Light:
        - That We Find In 1:9-11!
- \* So - First - We Should Come To The Light - Because Of:
1. **The Powerful Witness To The Light!**
- Which Is - The Witness Of John The Baptist!
    - 1:6-8 - “There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. / The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. / He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light!”
      - Now - What Does A Witness Do? And:
        - What Is A Witness For?
          - **IE**: In A Trial - Witnesses Are Called To Help Establish The Truth About A Matter!
    - And So - The Best Witness:
      - Is One Who Reports:
        - What He Or She Hears Or Sees Or Knows About The Matter At Hand!
      - And - If You Are A Good Witness:
        - You Will Testify:
          - As Fully & As Faithfully As You Can! (You Will Tell The Truth, The Whole Truth, And Nothing But The Truth!)

- And - This Is The Kind Of Witness:
  - That God Sent:
    - To Testify About:
      - The Light Of The World:
        - Jesus Christ!
- And This Witness Was:
  - A (Very) Special Person!
    - He Was - 1:6 - “A Man Sent From God, Whose Name Was John!”
      - John The Baptist:
        - Was A Special Person:
          - God Planned To Send:
            - To Prepare The Way For The Coming Of His Son:
              - Into This World!
      - IE: He Was To Be Like The Appetizer To The Main Course Of A Meal / The Opener To The Main Act Of A Concert / The Undercard To The Main Event In Boxing!
    - Well - 400 Years Earlier:
      - God Spoke About Him - Through The Last Writing Prophet Of The Old Testament - Malachi!
        - In Malachi 3:1 - “Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple!”
    - And Now - 400 Years Later:
      - It Was Time For That Promise & Prophecy:
        - To Be Fulfilled!
        - So - God Sent Him!
    - God Sent Him:
      - By Creating Him - Through His Godly Parents:
        - Zechariah & Elizabeth! And Then:
      - By Calling Him:
        - To Be His Messenger!
          - And To Proclaim The Grace Of God’s Light:
            - In & To This Dark World!
    - In Fact - John’s Name Means:
      - “God Is Gracious!”
        - So - John - Was Not Unlike:
          - Noah - Who - Before The Great, World-Wide Flood - “Found Grace In The Eyes Of The Lord!”
      - And Then - Became:
        - A “Preacher Of Righteousness” To Tell The World About:
          - God’s Ark Of Salvation!
    - This Too Is What John Came To Do!
      - But - He Was Only A Man!
        - He Was Only A Forerunner!
          - In 1:8 - We Are Clearly Told:
            - “He was not that Light!”
    - But - He Was Still:
      - A Special Person - Who Was Sent For:
  - A Significant Purpose!
    - 1:7a - “The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light!”
      - Witnesses Are Very Important In:
        - The Purpose Of The Gospel Of John!
          - The Word Is Found In Both Its Noun & Verb Forms 47 Times!
            - Where - In All The Other Gospels Combined - Its Only Found 6 Times!
    - And - The First Witness:
      - On The Stand In John’s Gospel:
        - Is John The Baptist!
          - He “Came” For A Witness!
      - This Means That:
        - He Answered God’s Call To Him:

- And Did What God Sent Him To Do!
- He Came:
  - To The People & Place:
    - God Sent Him!
  - In The Period:
    - God Created Him! And:
  - For The Purpose:
    - God Planned For Him!
- If Only You & I Would Do The Same:
  - In Our Own Lives!
    - God Created You - "For Such A Time As This!"
  - Are You Actively Fulfilling God's Purpose For Your Life:
    - As John Did In His?
      - He "Came For A Witness!" Will You?
- So - John Came - 1:7 - "To Bear Witness Of The Light!"
  - The Light Of 1:4-5!
    - The Light That Is Generated By:
      - The Living Word Of God!
- And So - John The Baptist:
  - In The Short Time Given To Him:
    - Told As Many People As He Could:
      - That There Was Someone Already In Their Midst:
        - Who Was Both:
  - The *Shining* Light:
    - For Them:
      - Who Were Living In & Loving Darkness! And Was:
  - The *Sufficient* Light:
    - Of Them:
      - Who Alone Could Give Them His Life Through His Word!
- And This Was:
  - John The Baptist's Special Purpose!
    - It's Even Repeated For Us Again:
      - In 1:8 - Though "He Was Not That Light" - He Still Was - "Sent To Bear Witness Of That Light!"
    - And So - God's Mission For Him:
      - Became His Mission:
        - For God!
  - And - He Poured His Whole Heart:
    - Into It!
  - He Poured His Whole Heart:
    - Into This Purpose:
      - And So - He Preached With:
- A Sincere Passion!
  - **IE:** You See - Not Only Is A Good Witness A Faithful Witness, Like John Was - A Good Witness Is Also A Fervent Witness - Like John Was!
    - A Good Witness Wants To Convince Others Of The Truth!
  - And - This Is How John Testified About Jesus!
    - "That All Men **Through Him** Might Believe!" (1:7)
      - This Was John's Personal Aim & Goal:
        - In All He Said:
          - When He Preached!
        - And - In All He Did:
          - When He Baptized!
  - He Fervently Sought:
    - To Bring All His Hearers:
      - To A Personal, Decisive Faith:
        - In The Truth Claims:
          - Of Jesus Christ!

- That Jesus Was & Is:
  - The Lord!
    - The Only Sovereign Creator & Master:
      - Of The Universe!
- That Jesus Was & Is:
  - The Only Savior:
    - Of Sinners Like Us!
      - True To His Own Name!
- And - That Jesus Was & Is:
  - Christ:
    - The Only Sacrifice:
      - That Is Sufficient:
        - To Bring You Life Through His Death!
- And - Just Listen To What Many Of The People:
  - Thought Of John's Testimony!
    - In 10:41 - "And many resorted unto [Jesus], and said, John did no miracle: but all things that John spake of this man were true!"
- And - John Would Want To Make Sure That:
  - *You Too* Are Believing In The Lord Jesus Christ:
    - As Your Savior!
  - Because - John Would Be Pleased:
    - With Nothing Less!
- What A Powerful Witness:
  - John The Baptist Was - And Still Is:
    - Through His Words - That Are Still Alive:
      - In The Pages Of:
        - The Gospels! All 4 Of Them!
  - Though He Was Only A Man:
    - He Was A Special Person:
      - With A Significant Purpose:
        - Who Fulfilled It With:
          - A Sincere Passion!
  - All - To Get You:
    - To Come To The Light!
      - The Light Of The World!
        - The Light Of Jesus Christ!
    - Not Just For:
      - Eternal Life - But For:
        - An Abundant Life! (10:10)
  - Listen To:
    - John's Witness:
      - To The Light! And Then:
        - Consider:

## 2. ***The Powerful Work Of The Light!***

- Which Is - The Work Of Jesus Christ!
  - And - Stop Turning From Him:
    - In Your Life - But:
      - Turn To Him & His Work!
        - Because:
          - 1:9 - "That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world!"
            - **IE:** Now - When You Think Of The Sun - What Is It's God-Given Purpose To This World? Not Just To Shine Into Outer Space / But To Illuminate Our World With Its Light! On The Fourth Day Of Creation - In Genesis 1:17 - "God Set [The Sun & The Moon & The Stars] In The Firmament Of The Heaven To Give Light Upon The Earth!"
              - Now - At Night - When You Are On The Other Side Of The World - The Light Of The Sun's Rays Does You Little Good!
                - They Need To Shine On & Light Up *Your* Part Of The World!

- But - When It Comes To God:
  - We Have A Similar Problem!
    - All Of Us Were Born A World Away From Him & His Light:
      - And Were Entirely Lost In Darkness!
- But That's When:
  - God - In All Of His Glory & Grace:
    - Stepped In:
      - And Gave Us His Light:
        - The Light Of Jesus Christ:
- To Shine - Even As The Sunlight:
  - Into Our Dark & Sinful World!
    - Jesus Christ "Was" And Still Is "The True Light!"
      - This Means That He Is:
        - Not Just The:
          - The Purest & Most Perfect Form Of Light!
        - But He Is Even:
          - The Pattern Of All The Light There Is!
  - When You Look Back To Genesis 1:
    - And The Days Of Creation:
      - Some Have Wondered:
        - How Could There Have Been Light On Day 1:
          - Before The Sun, Moon & Stars Were Created On Day 4?
  - Well - Its Because:
    - Jesus Is The True Light! He Is:
      - The Original Light!
      - The First Light!
      - The Eternal Light!
  - His Was The Light:
    - That Lit All The Others!
      - And When All The Other Lights Of This Universe:
        - Go Dark One Day - His Light:
          - Will Still Shine Forth As Bright As Ever!
    - Because - His Light:
      - Reveals His Nature:
        - As Pure & Perfect & Eternal!
  - And That's Why:
    - Back In 1:5 - It Was His Light:
      - That "Shineth In Darkness!"
        - Nothing Can Overcome The Power Of God's Light!
      - "Christ Is The Perfect Light In Whose Radiance All Other Lights Seem Dim!"
  - But - Remember The Response:
    - To The Shining Of God's Light:
      - Back In 1:5?
        - "And The Darkness Comprehended It Not!"
    - That Is - The Darkness:
      - Wanted Nothing To Do With:
        - The Light! His Light!
        - God Himself!
  - So - What Happened?
    - God Actually Moved His Light Closer In - Even:
  - To Shine As A Spotlight:
    - Upon Our Dark & Sinful Souls!
      - 1:9 - "That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world!"
  - Now - The Phrase "That Cometh Into The World" - Can:
    - Either Go With The "True Light" - Or:
      - With "Every Man!"
    - It Seems Best For It To Apply To:
      - "The True Light" - Since:

- The Present Tense Of “Come” Is Something That John Uses More For Jesus Than For Man!
- So - The Sense Is This:
  - The Spiritual Rays Of The “True Light” - Of Jesus:
    - Keep On Coming & Shining:
    - Into Our Darkness:
      - Even Though We Love Darkness Rather Than Light!
- And What Does His Light Do?
  - His Light - “Lighteth Every Man!”
    - His Light Does What All Light Does!
  - It Illuminates And Exposes:
    - Who You Really Are & What You’re Really Like:
      - In The Sight Of God!
- **IE:** In Our Kitchen - Fruit Basket - Apples / Bananas / Oranges - But - At Night - When There Is No Light - They All Look The Same - Everything Looks Black - But When I Turn On The Light - I Can See Their “True Colors” - Red Apples / Orange Oranges / Brown Bananas! I Mean Yellow!
  - And This Is What The Light Of Christ Came To Do!
    - To Light Up “Every Man” And Expose Our True Spiritual Shapes And Colors!
      - And - Boy Are We Ugly! Like A Banana - With Sinful “Wounds, And Bruises, And Putrifying Sores!” (Isaiah 1:6)
  - But - Once Again:
    - How Did We Respond To:
      - Christ & His Light?
- 1:10 - “He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not!”
  - So - Even Though The Light Of Christ:
    - Shines As A Spotlight:
      - To Show Us Our Desperate Need Of Him!
    - Even Though His Light:
      - Is Present In The World!
    - Even Though His Light:
      - Permeates The World!
    - His Light Is Still:
      - Not Perceived By The World!
        - And By Everyone Who Lives In This World!
- So - What Happens Next?
  - Once Again - God - In His Glory & Grace:
    - Moves His Light In Closer Still! Even:
- To Shine As A Searchlight:
  - To “His Own!”
    - 1:11a - “He came unto his own!”
      - Even To His Own People & His Own Place:
        - In The Land Of Israel!
  - When Jesus Came:
    - He Should Have Been Welcomed:
      - As Someone Coming Home:
        - After A Long Journey!
  - But Instead - How Was He Received?
    - 1:11 - “He Came Unto His Own, And His Own Received Him Not!”
- And So - The Light Of The World:
  - Keeps Getting Closer & Closer & Closer:
    - To Our Blind & Darkened Hearts:
      - But How Many Times:
        - Has Our Response Stayed The Same!
  - How Many Times Do You *Still*:
    - Turn *From* The Light:
      - Instead Of Turning *To*:
        - The Light Of Christ?
- “Come To The Light!”

- Not Only Because Of:
  - The Powerful Witness Of The Light!
- But Because Of:
  - The Powerful Work Of The Light:
    - Himself!

**Conclusion:**

1. Because - Even Though:
  - Our Responses To The Light:
    - Are All Too Often:
      - Negative!
  - Yet - This Does Not Deter The Light!
    - He Keeps Shining His Light:
      - From Heaven!
      - To Earth! And Even:
        - Upon Our Hearts!
2. After All:
  - That's The Nature Of Light!
    - Isn't It?
  - Light Will Do Anything It Can:
    - To Break Through & Shine Into:
      - The Darkness!
        - **IE:** Like The Light That Shines Through The Crack Under The Door! Or - Like The Sunrise That Shines Around The Blinds Of Your Window In The Morning!
3. This Is The Work - The Powerful Work:
  - That Jesus - As The Light Of The World:
    - Came To Do!
      - So - Come To The Light!
  - Each Day - When The Light Of The Sun:
    - Shines Upon Your Head:
      - Take That New Day As A New Opportunity:
        - To Go To Christ!
        - And:
      - Seek To "Comprehend" Him & His Light Even More!
        - To Grasp & Hold Onto Him:
          - Because You Know Just How:
            - Dangerous The Darkness Can Be!
        - Strive To "Know" Him & His Light Even More!
          - Even As Paul Did:
            - In Philippians 3:10 - "That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death!"
        - And - "Receive" Him & His Light:
          - Every Single Day:
            - By Making The Lord Jesus - Home In Your Heart!
  - 4. O Come To The Light, 'Tis Shining For Thee!  
 Sweetly The Light Has Dawned Upon Me!  
 Once I Was Blind, But Now I Can See!  
 The Light Of The World Is Jesus!  
 - Come To His Light Every Day Of Your Life!

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