

The Gift of Christmas: Life and Light
John 1:1-18

Verse: John 1:1-2,14,17-18

Homework: Luke 1

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- The WORD! 1:1-5
 - The Word's relationship with God & Fullness of Deity (Fully GOD!)
 - 1. The WORD supersedes the created order of time and space...
 - 2. This Word has an identity distinct from the previous designations for God...
 - 3. The Word must also be understood as part of the unity of God.
 - John on the deity of Christ: John 5:18; 8:58; 19:7.
 - Life and Light 1:6-9
 - Life needs 4 things to sustain itself: light, air, water, & food.
 - Light: John 8:12 (see also Malachi 4:2)
 - Air/ breath: John 3:8; 20:22
 - Water: 4:10, 13-14; 7:37-39
 - Bread of Life: 6:35ff.
 - He not only has life and gives life, but He is life: John 14:6!
 - Light –
 - God is light. – 1 John 1:5
 - The light shines in the darkness. John 1:5
 - Light has come into the world – 1:9; 3:19
 - He is the light of the world – 8:12
 - You will have light a little longer. – 12:35-36
 - He came as a light. – 12:46
 - The Witness = John
 - The True light that gives light.
- The Word became Flesh 1:14-18
 - The eternal Word now changes and takes on our humanness!
 - Full of grace and truth 1:14, 17-18
 - Testimony of the Witness 1:15
 - The source of the greatest gifts: The Word 1:16
- Two options concerning the Light 1:10-13
 - Rejection of the Gift 10-11
 - Receiving the Gift 12-13

Key: Have you received the gift of Life and Light?

Application:

- Receive the gift today!
- Celebrate – shine your light! (see Matthew 5:14-16)