

God is Light

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: I John 1:5.
- B. There is a way to share the wonderful life that is Jesus today.
- C. When you share life with Jesus, you will share fellowship and joy.

II. Jesus' life is a message.

- A. The message was that God is light and that there was no darkness in Him.
- B. Light is not God; God is light—what light accomplishes, God accomplishes.
 - 1. Light reveals, and God reveals reality in Christ so that we see clearly.
 - a. This is done gradually because we would not be able to take the full revelation all at once.
 - b. Mysteries and illusions are made clear in Christ.
 - c. We come to understand that most of the problems are in us.
 - 2. Light is a measuring stick, and God is a measure for everything around us.
 - a. This relates to all aspects of life—the economy, marriage, etc.
 - b. When we face a challenge, we can measure our desires against God's Word to know what will work.
 - 3. Light energizes—it imparts life as God imparts life.
 - a. God energizes our basic humanity and does not destroy it.
 - b. God can bring change to humanity in need.
- C. We must take down the umbrellas that have kept the light from us.

Application questions:

- 1. Which property of light that reflects of what God accomplishes stands out to you? Why?

2. Have you had a moment where you have realized that the problem lies in you and not in others? What was this experience like?

3. Why is it important to understand God as light? How can we understand Him better overall?
