

THE TRUE LIGHT, THE TRUE GOD John 1:4-13

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Jesus has always existed. We see in God's perfect timing, Jesus Christ came into the world. We are continuing this introduction by John to see the eternal and preincarnate work of God through His Son Jesus as we look at the next verses.

Steps to Share Your Faith

STEP #1: The Bible Gives You Courage

- A. Let the Bible speak for itself.
- B. Be motivated by what Jesus has done for you.
- C. God loves your friends, family, coworkers and neighbors even more than you do.

John 1:4-18

"In him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. 6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. 8 He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. **9** The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. **10** He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. 11 He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. 12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. **14** And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. 15 (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.") 16 For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. 17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 18 No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known."

1. Jesus Is The LIFE-GIVER & LIGHT. (v. 4-5)

Jesus CONQUERS all EVIL and DARKNESS.

"And behold, they cried out, "What have you to do with us, O Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?"

Matthew 8:29

2. Jesus Is IDENTIFIED As The MESSIAH and SON of God. (v. 6-8)

• John's faith was the **EXAMPLE** for others to **BELIEVE** in the true light.

3. Jesus Is <u>REJECTED</u> or <u>RECEIVED</u> As <u>LORD</u>. (v. 9-13)

• Jesus gives the <u>RIGHT</u> to become children of <u>GOD</u>.

"And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus." **Acts 5:42**

"No one came come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him upon the last day." **John 6:44**

Salvation through Jesus Christ

The single most important decision a person could ever make in their lifetime is to receive Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord. The Bible says, "all have sinned and fall short of God's glory" and we don't deserve eternal life because the wages of sin is death". Yet through God's love, only "Christ gives us eternal life by grace through faith"... it is a gift of God. God's word says, That if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is LORD and believe in your heart God raised Him from the dead YOU WILL BE SAVED. The Bible says to REPENT of your sins. BELIEVE in Jesus receiving His forgiveness. Then, identify with Christ and start living a new life in obedience to God by being BAPTIZED.