

JESUS—LIGHT & LIFE

JOHN 1:4-9 - ERIC SIMPSON - SEPTEMBER 9, 2018

Background on Gospel of John:

- author = John the apostle (outlived the other 11 disciples)
- written when John was approx. 80 yrs. old
- John's gospel "fills in the gaps" from Matthew, Mark, & Luke

What does it look like to live in God's light with the power of God's life?

John 1:4-9

⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it. ⁶ There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe. ⁸ He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

⁹ The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world.

John 3:19

This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil.

- **Light** = dispels darkness, exposes and guides

Our problem isn't that we lack the light, it's that we love the dark.

"We never see ourselves until we see ourselves through the eyes of Jesus. We never see what our lives are like until we see them in the light of Jesus. Jesus often drives us to God by revealing us to ourselves." - William Barclay

- **Life** = an "alive to God" life, an eternal kind of life, a wholeness & fullness of life

John 1:4

In him was life, and that life was the light of men.

John 10:10

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

John 14:6

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life..."

Road of darkness = steal, kill, destroy

Jesus' way = live in God's light with the power of God's life