Wednesday, October 28, 2026

God Is.. Pt.2

God Is… Light

- This week; God is Light, and He is the Way, Truth, and Life.
  - We're going to start with **1 John 1:5 -** God is light
    - This is who He is, His very nature. The message John speaks of was spoken by Jesus Himself in
      John 8:12.
      - Jesus says He is the light, but why is this so important that John records it twice? The context of this is very important to understand. Reading around the passage in the book of John, we can see Jesus was actually speaking directly to the Pharisees, a group of people who actually knew the Old Testament very well. They were also aware there was to be a coming Messiah, a conquering King. They may have even understood that when Jesus says this, He was very likely to have been referencing **Isaiah 9:2-7**. Jesus also knew the scriptures very well…
      - This passage contains a messianic prophecy, a foretelling of the coming messiah who was to bring freedom to the Jewish people. It refers to the Messiah as a great light. So when Jesus is saying that He is the light of the world, they understood what He meant. He was that Messiah from Isaiah they were waiting for!
    - The message from 1 John was this, "God is Light; in Him there is no darkness at all."
      - Not even a little bit, not 90/10, but 100% light. Because light is His nature.
      - **John 1:4-5,** this is in the same passage that tells us that Jesus is the Word, which is next week;
        - There is never a struggle between light and darkness. Light will always prevail. But darkness is absence. It is not that darkness has overtaken, but that light is not there.
          - When you turn on a light, there is no battle for the light to fill the space, no contest to see who is stronger. Whatever space the light can "see", it wins. The Lord is full of light. All He needs to do is to turn on the switch.
          - Darkness is the absence of light. Because God is light, another way to say that is darkness is the absence of God. The remedy for a dark world is Jesus.
            - Here is how fast the presence of God works. When Lucifer and his minions were cast from Heaven, many times we think of this great battle, but **Luke 10:18** gives a different story. Lightning is quick, God just shows up. Boom, it's done. There wasn't even time for the thunder.

186,282 miles per second, sound travels at 1,125 ft/s, there wasn't even time for a boom. God just won. He is light.

- In **Revelation 21:23-25, 22:5** we see a more physical side of God's light.
  - This talks about the New Jerusalem, the great city God brings down from Heaven onto the new earth after the destruction of the old. There will be no need of a sun, because the glory of the Lord will be our light. In this present age, without the sun we would all die. We need the sun's energy, its warmth. Plants need the sun to convert energy. Without the sun the moon would be useless at night. In the New Jerusalem we will no longer need the sun. We will get our light from the source, from the Lord.
  - God's light is without rival. **1 Timothy 6:16** says it is "unapproachable".
    - Have you ever looked into a strong light? Blinded by the light?
      - God's light is so powerful that you can't even approach it. It far exceeds the sun. This is much the same as God's love which is so vast that we need His power to handle His love. We need His power to handle the revealing presence of His light. First we need power to understand God. Then we need power to approach God.

- Some other aspects of His nature are found in **John 14:6.**
  - God is the Way, Truth, and Life.
    - Jesus is just "a" way; He is *the* way. There is no other way to the Father except through Him.
    - Truth is shown by God's Light… just as darkness is overtaken by light, so it is with lies, and the father of lies, they will be revealed by the Truth, by the Light. God is Truth.
    - God is Life; when there is an absence of God, you will see an absence of Life.
      - When Adam and Eve chose to partake in something separate from God, they were then separated from life; they were separated from God. They got death, because God is life, and to be separated from God is to be separated from Life.
  - **John 1:51** brings these together nicely: The Way, The Truth, The Life.
    - **Genesis 28:10-13,** Jacob's dream, again a core knowledge of the Pharisees.
      - When Jesus is telling them that they would see Angels ascending and descending upon Him, this is almost certainly what they would have thought of, and Jesus is telling them "I'm the Staircase, I'm the way to Heaven, I am the way to the Father". There is no other way to the Father except by Him who connects Heaven and Earth.
- Communion is a symbol of our partaking in Christ, His light, His life.
  - **John 6:35-40**

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