

The Word As Personal Light
John 1:4-12,18

- The Word of God Never Changes - I Pet 1:23-25; II Co 1:18-19; Ja 1:17; Mal 3:16
 - Jesus Christ is the prototype for all that is real and true - Heb 13:8
 - Christian revelation is the personal disclosure of God that sheds light on all of life.

- Jesus Christ Alone Is The Light of Life - Jo 1:9; 8:12
 - He is our Infallible Word and Inerrant Interpreter - Jo 14:9
 - ...every idea of God must be explained through Jesus Christ - Jo 14:9
 - ...every scripture must be exegeted through Jesus Christ - Jo 5:39
 - Not everyone welcomes His Light - Jo 1:10-11
 - ...some of us are too busy, too self-absorbed to get to know Him
 - ...some of us refuse to see ourselves in relation to Him

- To Welcome Him, We Must Be Willing to Be Honest/Real With Every Facet of Our Lives
 - Eph 5:13
 - Pretense is the deadliest sin in the church - Acts 4:36-5:11
 - To walk in the light we must agree with the light - Eph 5:13
 - ...Two primary ways we agree with the light: (Mk 1:14,15)
 - 1) Repent: to turn from, let go of (disentangle from the unprofitable)
 - 2) Consent: to embrace, get in step with
 - ...It is not sin that casts us into darkness, it is the refusal to agree with God

- Aids To Standing in the Light, Being Real:
 - Scripture - Jo 6:63; 17:17; Jo 5:39; I Pet 2:6
 - ...present yourself in loving attentiveness to God: "That I might know You" - Jo 17:3
 - Prayer - Jer 33:3
 - ...own your story and pour it out into God's infinite Love - I Jo 4:8; Psalms
 - ...listen for Him to speak
 - Small Group of Trusted Friends
 - ...no pretense, game-playing
 - ...humble yourself before others - Ja 4:10; 5:16