

## "The Word as Personal Light" John 1:4-12,18

Opinions, whether by laymen or experts, seem to have the shelf life of warm milk! That's why, for the most part, opinions mean nothing in the kingdom of God. Christians have more than opinions to live by - we have the Word of God Himself. Our God has no beginning, no end; no past, no future - He does not change. Jesus Christ, the personal Word of God is the same yesterday and today and forever (Heb 13:8). There is nothing perishable or changeable about Him; no variation or shifting to Him; He remains - stays the same - forever (I Pet 1:23-25; Jas 1:17). All the opposition, all the forces in the universe cannot make a change in the Word of God (Jo 1:5).

God's Word - Jesus Christ - is, therefore, the prototype for all truth. He is the Eternal Source, the Unchanging Standard for all that is real and true (Jo 1:9). When He shows up, He has the power to turn on the lights - we call that revelation. When He appears as the self-disclosure of God, He sheds light on all of Life. He is, indeed, the light of life.

Our God is a revealing God. The very nature of any word is to express, disclose, make known an idea or thought. All God's thoughts for us about Himself, about us, about our world are detailed for us in Christ. Christian revelation, then, is not about getting to know impersonal facts, technical doctrines, or ethereal abstracts. It is about getting to know a Person. In our real life situations, we do not look for facts or principles, we look for a Person. We bow in humility before the Revealer and say, "That I might know You." (He is a rewarder of those who seek Him" - Heb 11:6.) And it is who we believe God to be that transforms us and changes the way we live.

John maintains in 1:18 that all firsthand, direct knowledge of God comes by Jesus Christ. He is both our Infallible Word and Inerrant Interpreter. As the only One fully qualified to "exegete" (explain, make known) God, every idea of God must be explained through Jesus Christ. Every Scripture must be seen through Jesus Christ (see Jo 5:39,40). He alone makes it possible for us to see things as they actually are. To believe and come to know Him is to walk in the Light of His Life. Listen to Him, "I have come as light into the world, that everyone who believes in Me may not remain in the darkness." (Jo 12:46)



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A young lady in our church recently finished a 6 month mission assignment in Central America to lay the groundwork for a medical mission station to be established by our church. Upon returning home she said, "At first, I really thought I was the one doing the work. I did not realize how much we were all in this together."

I know how much we are all in this together! *OIC* is not one person, one family, one board of directors - it is all of you who are co-laborers together with us in Christ. I hope you know that. I hope you know how thankful I am to God and to you that it is so!

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