



THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

SERMON SERIES: The Light of the World

SERMON TITLE: The Word Was God

KEY TEXT (NKJV): John 1:1-4 NKJV

OTHER TEXTS (NLT, NKJV): Genesis 1:1, John 11:25-26, Hebrews 1:1-3; 2:10, Colossians 1:13-18; 1:18; 2:6-10, 1 Corinthians 8:6, Romans 11:36, John 1:14a.

Big Idea: Jesus is not just a part of our lives, He is the eternal Word who existed before creation, the one through whom everything was made, and the Light who gives life to every human being. As we celebrate Christmas, we remember that Jesus, the eternal God, became flesh and came to dwell among us. He truly is the reason for the season. Since all things were created by Him, through Him, and for Him, He rightfully deserves first place and preeminence in every area of our lives. When we build our lives, choices, values, and identity on Him, we walk in true light, purpose, stability, and freedom. But whenever we disconnect from Him or replace Him with anything else, trouble begins. True transformation happens when we root ourselves in Christ and allow His life and light to shine through us.

In this first sermon of the series, Pastor Walker shares that Jesus, the eternal Word and Light of the world, is the Creator and sustainer of all things, and we are called to give Him preeminence in every area of our lives, shaping our identity, decisions, and daily walk around Him.

John 1:1-4 NKJV

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

God Bless You!

The Connection Groups Office

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Leader Heads-Up: Every person matters. A quick check-in, with those present and ***not***, can help someone feel seen and remembered.

A. Start Talking

Looking back at this year, what is the one powerful life lesson that transformed your life, and how will you carry its impact into the New Year?

B. Start Thinking

1. Read **Colossians 1:16 NKJV**. What steps will you take to rebuild or restore an area of your life where you have not given Jesus preeminence, knowing that all things were created through Him and for Him?
2. Share a time when you allowed Jesus to have His rightful place in an area of your life where you resisted His love and authority. Read **Colossians 2:6-7 NLT**.
3. If your life is for Jesus, how does that impact how you make decisions in your life? Read **Colossians 2:6-7 NLT**.

C. Start Doing

1. **Surrender** areas of your life where you have resisted Jesus' preeminence, choosing to yield your decisions, habits, and priorities to Him whom all things were created.
2. **Intentionally** root your identity and daily living in Christ by building your life on His Word, letting your faith grow strong.
3. **Align** your values and actions with Jesus' purpose for your life, recognizing that you were created *by Him, through Him, and for Him* and therefore must live in a way that displays His lordship.
4. **Guard** your heart and mind against any worldview, philosophy, or influence that attempts to replace Jesus in His rightful place of preeminence over your life.

D. Start Praying (Pray as a group during the meeting)

1. **Group Prayer:** Pray that God will help you honor Him with preeminence in every area of your life, grounding your identity, choices, and daily walk in Him, the true Light and eternal Word. (**Colossians 2:6-7 NKJV**)
2. **Church Prayer: We Value Personal Responsibility and Service**
Pray that we will grow in personal responsibility and serve others with Christ like humility, using our gifts to make a meaningful impact for God's glory. (**Matthew 25:14-30 NKJV & Matthew 20:26-28 NKJV**)

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Have a Blessed Christmas Holiday!