



The JESUS Series

4. The LIGHT of Men



Introduction...

- We have looked at Jesus the Christ, as God and Creator, we now switch to Him as Redeemer.
- The Gospel of John introduces the reality of Christ as THE LIGHT.
- We will explore and expand on this theme in this study.
- The powerful insight this gives the Believer is transformational!





...The LIGHT of Men

- ⁴In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. John 1:4-5
- In Him was LIFE!
- The LIFE was the LIGHT
- The LIGHT shines in the dark
- And the Darkness could not handle the LIGHT.

Jesus is LIFE

- The interchangeable use of LIGHT and LIFE is very interesting
- John is speaking spiritually here.
- When God comes into a person's life, the Bible says Light has come.
- When you understand Bible language or terminology, things take on a fresh and new meaning.



Light Has Come..

- *13 And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali,*
- *14 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying:*
- *15 "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles:*
- *16 The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light,*
- *And upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death*
Light has dawned."
Matthew 4:13-16





Your Light Has Come...

- *Arise, shine;
For **your light has come!**
And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you.*
- *² For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth,
And deep darkness the people;
But the LORD will arise over you,
And His glory will be seen upon you.*
- *³ The Gentiles shall come to **your light,**
And kings to the brightness of your rising.*



The Light Shines...

- *⁶ For it is the God who commanded **light to shine** out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the **light** of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.*
2 Corinthians 4:6
- All these verses have one key thing in common; God is synonymous with Light shining.
- Jesus Christ is LIGHT
- Therefore, those who have Christ have light



BE THE LIGHT

You are the Light!

- ¹⁴ “You are **the light** of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.
- ¹⁵ Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all *who are* in the house.
- ¹⁶ Let **your light** so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.
Matthew 5

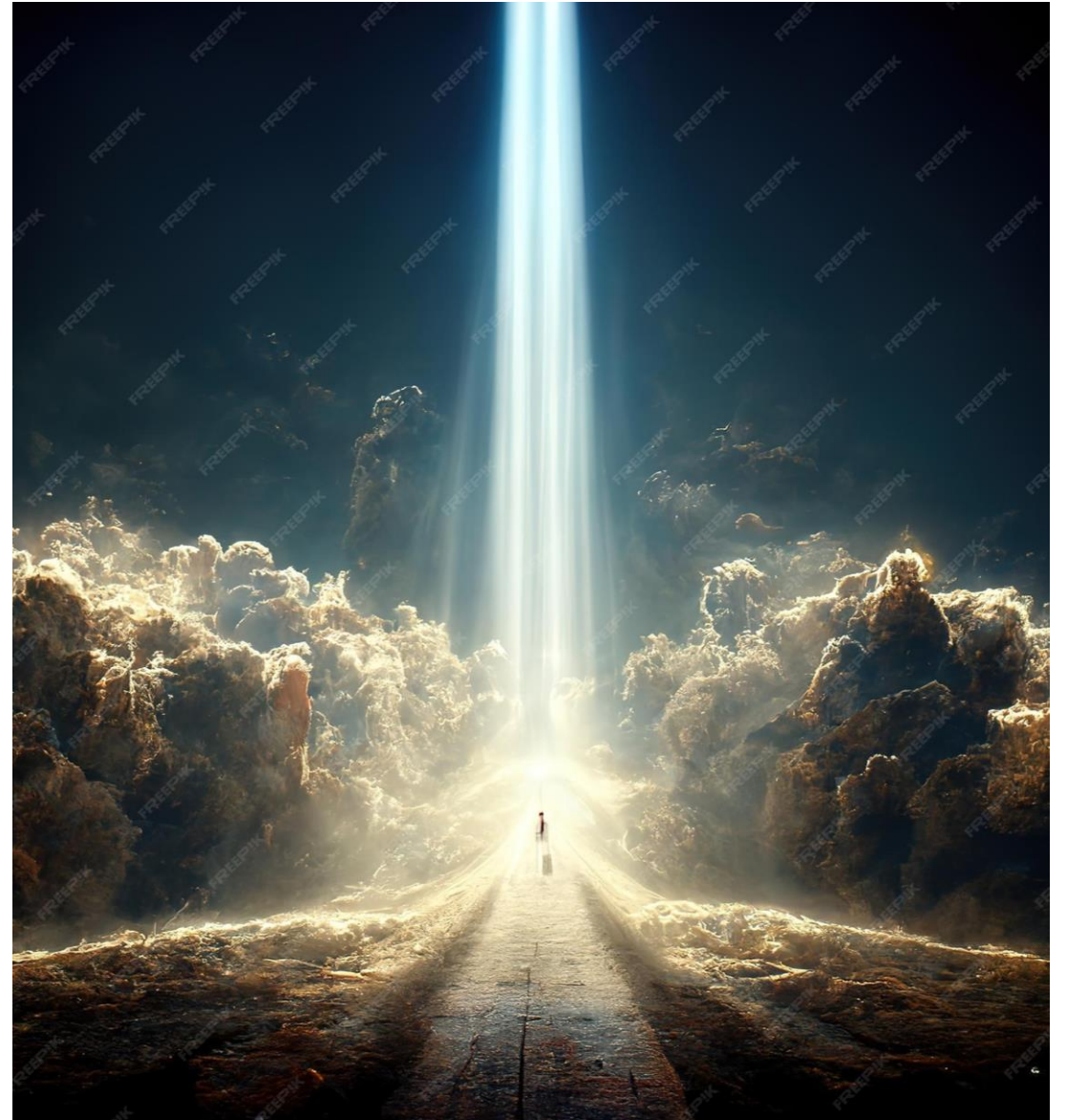
You Are Light...

- The Light in Christ becomes the Light in the Believer that receives Christ.
- This is a spiritual thing and that's why the description is in such language.
- There is a sharp contrast between light and darkness. This is so basic that even a Child understands this.
- Let us look at how John expands on this in Chapter 1



The True Light...

- ⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name *was* John. ⁷ This man came for a witness, to bear witness of **the Light**, that all through him might believe.
- ⁸ He was not **that Light** but *was sent* to bear witness of that Light. ⁹ That was the true Light which gives **light** to every man coming into the world.
- ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. ¹¹ He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.
- ¹² But as many as received Him, to them He gave **the right** to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: ¹³ who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.
John 1:6-13



LIFE....

- Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the **life**.
John 14:6



The True LIFE....

- ⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name *was* John. ⁷ This man came for a witness, to bear witness of (the LIFE), that all through him might believe.
- ⁸ He was not (that LIFE) but *was sent* to bear witness of that Life. ⁹ That was the true Life which gives life to every man coming into the world.
- ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. ¹¹ He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.
- ¹² But as many as received Him, to them He gave the LIFE to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: ¹³ who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.
John 1:6-13



LIGHT = LIFE

- Jesus came to give LIFE to that which was dead.
- When a person has the Life of God in them, in the spiritual realm, they are full of LIGHT!
- You can literally exchange the word LIGHT into LIFE throughout the chapter we just read.
- You therefore have the LIFE of God in you.



Life-Giver...

- *A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also.*
John 5:21
- *For as the Father raises the dead and gives life to them, even so the Son gives life to whom He will.*
John 14:19
- *Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live.*
John 5:25





Life-Giver...

- *For as the Father has **life** in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have **life** in Himself,*
John 5:26
- *“For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives **life** to the world.”*
John 6:33
- *“I am the **living** bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will **live** forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the **life** of the world.”*
John 6:51



Living Water...

- *“He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of **living water**.*
- *But this He spoke concerning **the Spirit**, whom those believing in Him would receive;*
- *for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.*
John 7:37

Water....

- *“but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst.*
- *But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.*
John 4:14
- *Therefore, with joy you will draw water*
From the wells of salvation.
Isaiah 12:3
- *For I will pour water on him who is thirsty,*
And floods on the dry ground;
- *I will pour My Spirit on your descendants,*
And My blessing on your offspring;

Isaiah 44:3



Water and Spirit...

- *Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you,*
- *unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.*
- *“That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.
John 3:5-6*



Born of God

- ¹² But as many as received Him, to them He gave **the LIFE** to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:
- ¹³ **who were born**, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but **of God.**
John 1:12-13



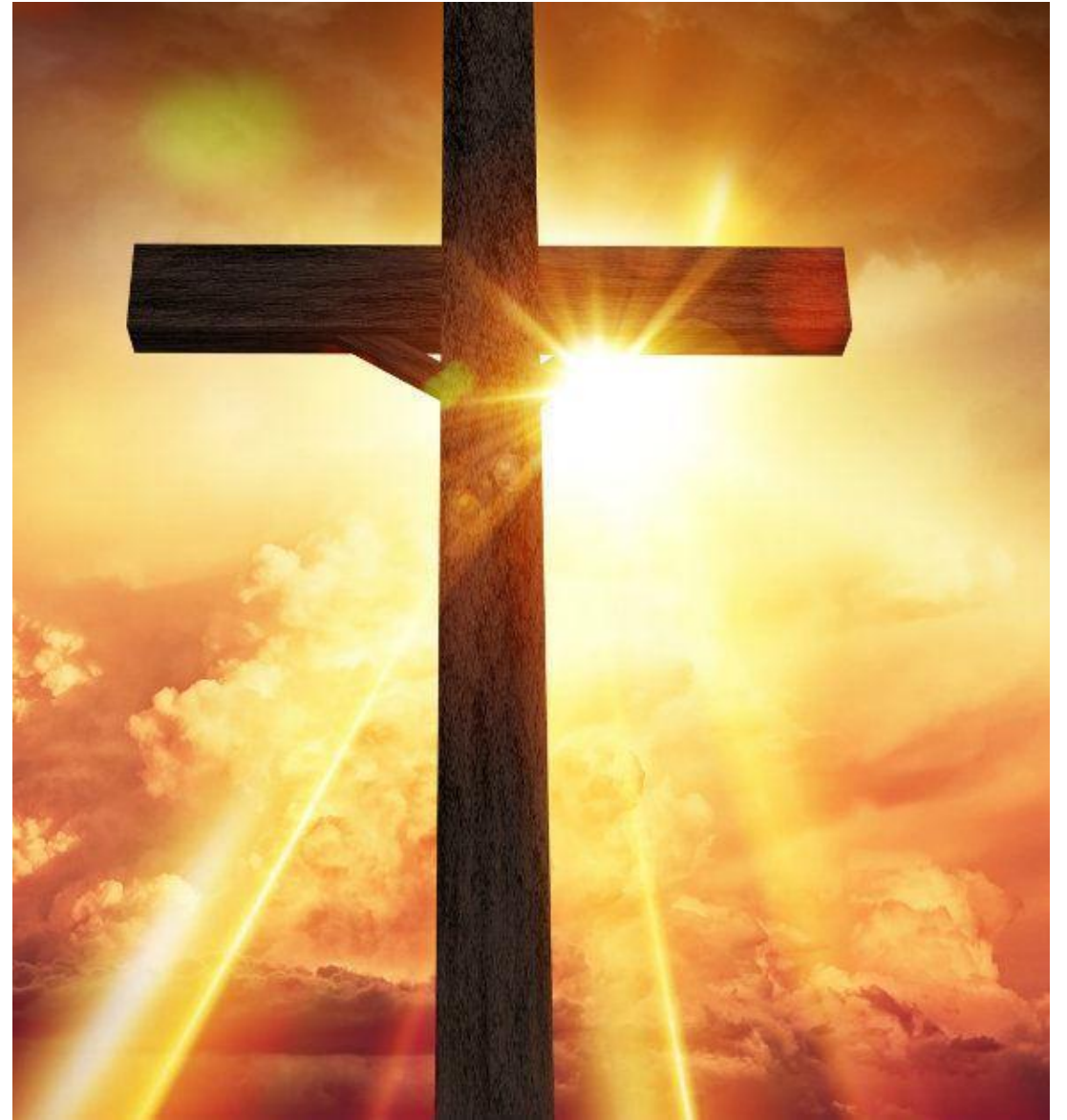
ALIVE!!

- Jesus is the LIGHT
- Jesus is the LIFE
- All who believe come ALIVE
- All who believe become LIGHT
- Out of them flow LIFE
- Out of them flow LIGHT
- Living Water flows from them
- They are BORN of GOD material
- This is what BORN AGAIN means



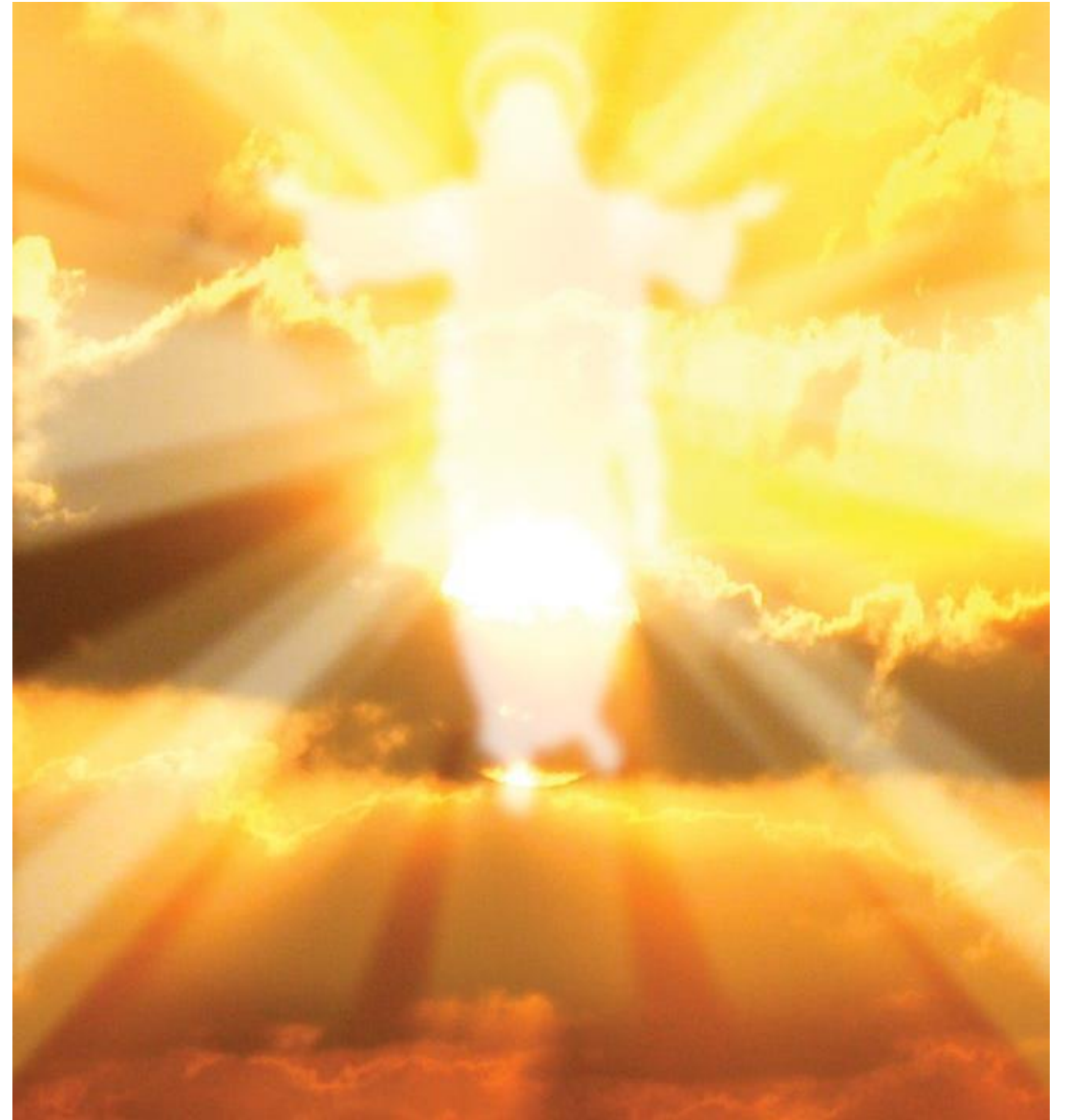
ALIVE!

- For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made **alive**.
- 1 Corinthians 15:22



Life-Giver...

- *And so, it is written, “The first man Adam became a living being.*
- *” The last Adam became a **life-giving** spirit.*
- *1 Cor 15:45*
- Jesus is the last Adam
- Jesus starts a whole new human race
- He is the first born from the dead
- *The first man was of the earth, made of dust; the second Man is the Lord from heaven.*
1 Cor 15:47





Next Week –
The Spirit Life
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