

LIGHT AND LIFE

JOHN 1:4-13

In **JOHN 1:1-3** we met “*The Word*”/Logos—all information and knowledge, and all power—the Creator God.

- This week, *LIGHT* and the *LIFE*—the Giver of life, true life—both physical and spiritual. AKA “*The Light of the world*,” which we will see in **JOHN 8**.
- *This one who is the Light is also the Word . . . Jesus.*

WHAT ARE THE EXTERNAL ESSENTIALS FOR HUMAN LIFE?

- **LIGHT:** If the sun went out, all living things would die fairly quickly (without life support). Light is even linked to our mental and physical well-being.
- **AIR:** Most of us can last about 2 minutes without it.
- **WATER:** So important that 78%–84% of all living things are comprised of water.
- **FOOD:** Maybe a week or so without food and your body begins to eat itself to stay alive.

WHAT ARE THE ESSENTIALS SPIRITUALLY?

- He is the “*light of life*” and the “*light of the world.*”
JOHN 8:12 . . . LIGHT
- By His Holy Spirit, He gives us the “*breath of life.*”
JOHN 3:8; 20:22 . . . AIR
- Jesus is a well pouring forth the “*water of life.*”
JOHN 4:10, 13-14; 7:37-39 . . . WATER
- Jesus is the living “*bread of life*” that came down from heaven. **JOHN 6:35 . . . FOOD**

JESUS GIVES US ALL THESE.

JESUS THE LIFE-GIVER

God is declared to be “life,” or the “living” God, because He is the source or fountain of life.

- This attribute is ascribed here to Jesus Christ.
- Not that He simply made the ***MATERIAL UNIVERSE***, but He also gave it “life.”
- ***The meaning is this***: that He—“the Light”—is the source or the fountain of both **NATURAL** and **SPIRITUAL** life . . . ***first and second birth!***

JESUS THE ILLUMINATOR

The life was the light of men. “Light” is that by which we see objects distinctly and discern all objects uniquely.

- Which, interestingly, is exactly what Paul wrote in **EPH. 5:12-14.**
- *“The Life”* is the input of the *Logos/“THE WORD”* into the physical world!
- Our mind and soul, which is expressed chiefly as information, is *NON-MATERIAL. Where did it come from? LOGOS—LIGHT to LIFE—Jesus the Creator.*

JESUS—THE SOURCE OF LIGHT AND LIFE

He not only has life and gives life, but He actually is life itself. **JOHN 14:6**

- God is light (**1 JOHN 1:5**) while Satan is “*the power of darkness.*” (**LUKE 22:53**) The absence of Light is hell!
- People love either the light or darkness, and this *love* controls their thoughts and actions.

JOHN 3:16-19

A little food for thought . . .

IF JESUS CHRIST IS THE LIGHT

It is through the continual outflow of His limitless divine energy that He is sustaining all the material stuff of the universe which He created—including you. **COL. 1:16-17**

- Spiritually speaking, the coming of Jesus Christ into the world was the dawning of a new day for sinful man.

LUKE 1:78-79

- The Light is still shining!

Have you *personally* received the Light and become a child of God, a lover of the light and life?