



Jesus the True Light of Christmas

(Gracebook #5/Advent #1)
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A) Read 1 John 1:5-7

- 1) What description of God does John give in verse 5?
- 2) What does John call people who talk the talk but do not walk the walk in verse 6?
- 3) What does it mean by walking in the light in verse 7?
- 4) How is fellowship with one another maintained in verse 7?
- 5) Based on verse 7, what do you think is the primary reason for people being "out of sorts" with each other in the body of Christ?

B) Read 1 John 2:9 – 11

- 1) How does John define being in darkness in verse 9?
- 2) How can hate be so blinding in our lives? See verses 10-11

C) Who does Jesus say he is in the Gospel of John chapter 8:12?

D) Who does Jesus say we are in Matthew 5:14?

E) How are we told to live in Ephesians 5:8?

F) Discussion Question:

The three big themes of First John are: God is love, God is life and God is light. How do these three statements about who God is work together in the life of a believer to produce, what Paul calls in Ephesians 5:26 and 27, a radiant church, without stain, wrinkle or blemish, holy and blameless? (Paul is speaking about us, redeemed men and women who make up the visible body of Christ the church).

G) Where is there darkness in your life that needs to come into the light?

H) What is the primary method of restoring light and removing darkness in the believers light as found in 1 John 1:8-10?

I) For extra study

- 1) Read Proverbs 12:13, Jeremiah 3:13.
- 2) What came before baptism in Mark 1:5?
- 3) What is the two part confession found in Luke 15:18?

PRAYER REQUESTS:

1. Pray that each stage left to be completed at the new church site will be done in a timely manner. Many details will need to be finalized within each department over the next few weeks. As well, continue to pray for stamina for the construction crew and staff near the end.
2. Christmas Offering is being received Sunday December 20th to help our community experience the Christmas Gala, the Living Nativity plus any unforeseen expenses as we worship in our new church home. Thank you for your generous support of these community outreaches.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. HOLY GRAFITTI DAY Sunday Dec 6 from noon to 4 pm at the new church site 414 St. Raphael St. Help us fill up the auditorium floor with scripture verses and prayer requests before the carpet is laid. The requests dearest to your heart and your favorite scriptures will live forever on the floor of the new auditorium. Don't miss this once in a lifetime opportunity!
2. Three more small families from Big Brothers, Big Sisters could really use a blessing this Christmas. Can you help out? Check it out at the Welcome Centre on Sunday November 29th or at the church office during the week (8:30 -4:30). These gifts are due at Prete St. on Monday Dec. 7th. Thank you so much!