

PULPIT COMPANION

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JOHN 1:10-18

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In today's message, we're reminded of the transformative power of Christ as the true light of the world. Drawing from John 1:9, we explore how Jesus illuminates our lives and dispels darkness.

This isn't just about sin, but also about misdirection and clouded information that keeps us from seeing clearly. We're challenged to reconsider our perspective on God and how we view His work in the world. The story of a miraculous pardon serves as a powerful illustration that God can use anyone - even those we might consider unlikely - to accomplish His purposes.

This reminds us that God is not confined to our political or social categories, but operates in divine authority over all. As we reflect on this, we're encouraged to let Christ's light shine prominently in our lives, influencing our interactions at work, in our communities, and everywhere we go.

SCRIPTURES FROM PULPIT AI

- Psalm 95:1,7
- John 1:9-11
- Proverbs 21:1
- Exodus 14
- Luke 18:35-43
- Matthew 21:1-11
- Matthew 27:15-26
- Genesis 1:1-2
- Matthew 5:14-16
- John 8:12
- 2 Corinthians 4:6
- Ephesians 5:8-14
- 1 John 1:5-7
- Numbers 6:24-26





DEVOTIONAL

Day 1: The Light of the World

Reading: John 1:1-9

Devotional: Just as darkness is the absence of light, our world often feels shrouded in spiritual darkness. But John reminds us that Jesus is the true light that gives light to everyone. Reflect on areas of your life where you need Christ's illumination.

How can you be a bearer of His light in your family, workplace, or community? Remember, even the smallest light can dispel great darkness. Pray for opportunities to shine Christ's love in the dark corners of your world today.

Day 2: God's Transforming Power

Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Devotional: The sermon emphasized the transforming power of Jesus Christ. Paul tells us that in Christ, we are new creations.

Think about how God has transformed your life. What old patterns or beliefs has He replaced with new ones? Consider sharing your testimony of transformation with someone who needs encouragement. Ask God to continue His transforming work in you, making you more like Christ each day.

Day 3: Divine Intervention in Human Affairs

Reading: Daniel 2:20-22

Devotional: We heard how God can use unexpected people and circumstances to accomplish His will. Daniel praised God for His wisdom and power in directing the course of history.

Reflect on times when God has surprised you by working through unlikely sources. How does this challenge your preconceptions about how God operates? Pray for the wisdom to recognize God's hand at work, even in situations that seem hopeless or confusing.





Day 4: Our True Identity in Christ

Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Devotional: The sermon stressed the importance of knowing our true identity in Christ. Paul urges us to set our minds on things above, where our real life is hidden with Christ. Consider how your identity in Christ differs from the identities the world tries to impose on you.

How can you live more fully out of your true identity today? Ask God to help you see yourself and others through His eyes.

Day 5: Praising God in All Circumstances

Reading: Psalm 34:1-8

Devotional: We were reminded of the power of praise, even in difficult times. David wrote this psalm while fleeing for his life, yet he chose to bless the Lord at all times.

Think about a challenging situation you're facing. How can you choose to praise God in the midst of it? Try writing your own psalm of praise, focusing on God's character rather than your circumstances. Let your praise become a powerful testimony to God's faithfulness.





SMALL GROUP GUIDE: The Light Has Come

Opening Prayer:

Begin with a prayer asking God to illuminate His truth and guide your discussion.

Key Takeaways:

1. Jesus is described as the light that has come into the world.
2. Darkness is the absence of light - when Christ's light shines, darkness cannot remain.
3. It's important to know our spiritual heritage and identity in Christ.
4. God can use anyone, even those we might consider enemies, to accomplish His purposes.
5. Our response to God should come from knowing our personal story with Him.

Discussion Questions:

1. Pastor Jackson emphasized Jesus as "the light that has come." What does this mean to you personally? How have you experienced Christ's light in your life?
2. The sermon touched on how we can dilute or misrepresent who Jesus is in our modern context. In what ways do you see this happening in society or even in the church? How can we combat this?
3. Reflect on the story about the pardoned man. How does this illustrate God's sovereignty and ability to work through unexpected channels? Share a time when you've seen God work in surprising ways.
4. Pastor Jackson shared about his ancestor Cicero Chambers. Why is knowing our spiritual heritage important? How does it shape our identity and faith?
5. The sermon mentioned people's different expressions of worship. How do you typically express your gratitude and praise to God? What can we learn from others whose worship style differs from ours?
6. How can we be more effective at "letting our light shine" in our daily lives and spheres of influence?





Practical Applications:

1. This week, intentionally look for opportunities to be "light" in a specific dark situation or relationship.
2. Spend some time researching your family's spiritual heritage. If possible, share stories with the group next week about how faith has been passed down in your family.
3. Choose one area of your life where you've been relying on human solutions. Commit to praying for God's unexpected intervention in that situation.
4. Practice sharing your personal testimony of how you've experienced Christ as "light" in your life. Be prepared to share it with someone this week.
5. Identify one way you can deepen your understanding of Jesus' true identity this week (e.g., Bible study, reading a book, listening to teachings).

Closing Prayer:

Close by thanking God for His light in our lives and asking for His help to shine brightly in the coming week.

