

Believe in Jesus - Light and Life sent from God

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John 1:4-13

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Introduction - A.W. Pinks's outline:

- 1 - the relation of Christ to Time¹ - He's eternal
- 2 - The relation of Christ to God¹ - He was with God and is God
- 3 - the relation of Christ to the Trinity¹ - 2nd person of Trinity and is God
- 4 - The relation of Christ to the Universe - He created all things³
- 5 - the relation of Christ to Men - he is Life & their Light^{4,5}
- 6 - The relation of Christ to John^{thebaptist} - John was a witness of His deity^{5,6}
- 7 - the reception which Christ met¹⁰⁻¹³
 - the world knew Him not¹⁰
 - His own^{Israel} received Him not¹¹
 - A company born of God "received Him"^{12,13}

Jesus is the Life of Men

- Jesus is life^{4;Jn14:6;Jn10:10}. Over 30x in this gospel alone!
- God breathed life into dust^{Gen2:7}. Jesus is maker^{Jn1:3;Act3:15;Col1:17;Heb1:3}
- Spiritual life^{Jn20:31}. We're dead spiritually^{Jn3:6,5:24}. Jesus/God gives life^{Eph2:1-6}
- Jesus gives life that is eternal and can't be lost^{Jn5:24;1Jn5:11}
- Jesus gives abundant life^{Jn10:10} now!

Jesus the Light of Men

- Jesus calls Himself the light of the world^{Jn8:12;9:5;Gen1:3}
- By belief in Jesus we can become 'sons of light'^{Jn12:36}
- Jesus the Light - reveals^{Jn1:5}
- Can't add darkness to light to quench it; light overcomes darkness^{Is9:2;Jn12:46}
- Jesus is the Light^{Jn1:4}. John witnessed to that Light^{Jn1:7}

John the Baptist as a Witness

- Sent from God¹⁶ to be a witness⁷ to the Light (Jesus) that all might believe
- John was forerunner to prepare the way^{Lk3:4-6;Jn1:23} per Isaiah^{40:3ff}
- John the Baptist 'defines the character of the preacher's office'^{A.W.Pink;Col1:23-24}
- Do your words & life point others to the glory of Jesus Christ?

Jesus the Unknown

- Sad verses^{Jn1:9-11} - world didn't recognize or receive Jesus its Creator
- The World did not want Him - rejection of Jesus nativity, etc.^{Jn3:19}
- The World was spiritually Blind - men are blind since the Fall^{Eph2:1-5}
- Jesus even came to His own people^{Israel} but they received Him not...

Children of God by His Grace

- John tells us of the hope found in Jesus' coming¹²⁻¹³
- Life for those who did receive Him, who believed in His name!
- HOW? Receive Jesus as He has revealed Himself¹²
- To believe in His Name is to believe Jesus alone saves
- God grants that privilege to His children¹²⁻¹³ so that they might believe
- The only distinction among men is belief or unbelief about Jesus!
- This is all by God's grace^{Eph2:8-10} for His glory!