

SERIES: GRATITUDE & BLESSINGS

DATE: Saturday - Sunday, December 10-11, 2022

SERMON: The Wonderful Words of Christmas: *Light*

SCRIPTURE: John 1:1-18

- [1] In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- [2] He was with God in the beginning.
- [3] Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.
- [4] In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.
- [5] The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.
- [6] There was a man sent from God whose name was John.
- [7] He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe.
- [8] He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.
- [9] The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.
- [10] He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him.
- [11] He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him.
- [12] Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—
- [13] children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.
- [14] The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.
- [15] (John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, "This is the one I spoke about when I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'")
- [16] Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given.
- [17] For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.
- [18] No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known

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What did John want us to know?

But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. John 20:31

1. The _____ about Jesus.

- _____
- _____ with the Father.
- Sent for a _____
- The _____ of the world.
- The _____ of God.

2. The _____ and _____ of God.

- He opens the way to _____ and _____.
John 3:18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.
- The darkness does not _____ the light.
- He is the _____.
John 1:3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

3. The _____ of the world.

- _____ by wave upon wave of grace
John 1:16 Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given.
- _____ Life – to feel alive
John 1:4 In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.
- Spiritual _____
John 1:9 The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.
- _____ God
John 1:14,18 No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known

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Four things you need to know . . .

First, we regret to announce that John Nguyen, our Minister of Congregational Care, has submitted his resignation. John will become Senior Pastor of the South Campbellsville Baptist Church of Campbellsville, Kentucky effective February 1, 2023.

John has served with us since December 2017 when he became pastor of our Hope Church campus in the Waldheim/Bush area. Since January of 2022, John has served in his position at of Congregational care at our FBCCov campus alongside of David Rockett..

We will miss John, Zorana, and Ian, but we are thankful that he is able to fulfill his calling of being a lead pastor and every week preacher. You may also know that the Nguyen family is expecting a daughter very soon.

Please take the opportunity to express your appreciation for their service to our church and community.

Second, I want to thank everyone involved in the wonderful **Christmas music** we experienced over the weekend. As you can imagine, this kind of presentation takes lots of time, preparation, and prayer.

Third, please remember that we have three **Christmas Eve** services at 1:00, 3:00, and 5:00 PM. This would be a great time to invite friends and family to worship with you. *Childcare is available by reservation only.* Email Darlene at ddrivot@fbccov.org

Fourth, On **Christmas Day** we will have one service at 10:00 AM. It will be different than anything we have done before. I believe you will find it very meaningful.

