

## **“OVERCOMING THE WORLD”**

Message #4 of 5

### **“THE LIGHT OF LIFE”**

*The brilliant, incomparable, unapproachable light of the world in the person of Jesus, has demonstrated His love to us by removing darkness from us and within us.*

1<sup>st</sup> John 2:7-11

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#### **1. DARKNESS – DEATH**

*“Whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness.” – v.11a*

- Death is real
- Passing away
- Defined by hate, self-interest, self-absorption ...
- You are in the darkness without Christ
- We are living in a dark world that rejects Christ
- People in the dark don't know where they are going
- They are blind and their foolish hearts are darkened – Romans 1

#### **2. LIGHT – LIFE**

*“The true light is already shining.” – v.8c*

- The light has come –
- You've had it and heard it
- Had from the beginning – the original plan
- God has always meant “love” to be at the core of his plan
- True light – v.8c
- Is already shining – v.8d

*“God, were His light unveiled, would fill and flood the entire universe with His presence to such a degree that there could be no ordinary night time anywhere.” – Lambert Dolphin*

*“Therefore the spiritual world where He dwells, surrounding us on all sides, a world in which the material creation is embedded, is not only more solid than our world, it is also brighter; it is full of light in fact. Living as we do at present in a world still relatively dark, we await the coming of the Dawn.” – Lambert Dolphin*

The Bible's use of language for Jesus such as 'rising Day Star' and the 'Sun of Righteousness' are ... “symbols which suggest to us that His true splendor is greater than that of any star or any known source of light and power in our physical world.” – Lambert Dolphin

#### **3. LOVE – REVEALED**

*“There is nothing in him to make him stumble.” – v.10b*

- Seen in Jesus
- Seen in you
- Live in the light – v.9a
- Love your brother? You are in the light
- Giving one's self away

John 13:3-5, 12b, 14-15

Titus 3:3-5