

**Sermon Handout**  
Unquenchable Light  
John 1:1-5

- I. “In the Beginning” vv. 1-3**
- a. Eternity past (before the creation of the heavens & the earth)  
*See* Prov 8:22-26 (LXX)
  - b. The pre-existence of the Second Person  
Three statements in v. 1  
The Word existed in the beginning  
The Word existed with God (repeated in v. 2)  
The Word existed as God
  - c. Jesus is the active agent in creation 1:1 *cf.* Gen 1:3; Ps 33:6  
*Affirmed* in Col 1:16-17; Heb 1:2
- II. “The Light of Men” vv. 4-5**
- a. His life is the light of men v. 4 *cf.* v. 14  
Pre-incarnate and in the incarnation *cf.* Gen 1:3  
The first recorded creative act was to make light
  - b. The Light & Darkness motif in creation
    - i. Gen 1:3-4 and Jn 1:9-10 – the source of all light is not recognized
    - ii. The true light cannot be put out (overcome) Jn 1:5; I Jn 1:5
  - c. Declared to be the “Light of Men” v. 4
    - i. Light & darkness in men’s lives I Jn 1:5-6; Prov 4:19
    - ii. Why men reject the Light (they love sin) Jn 3:19; Rom 1:21
    - iii. Men in Christ are drawn to the Light Jn 3:20-21; I Jn 1:5-10
- III. Lessons for the Church**
- a. Deity of Christ essential to the Gospel (Jn 1; Col 1; Heb 1 et al.)
  - b. Light manifest in grace is irresistible *see* Jn 1:9-13 *cf.* II Cor 4:3-4
  - c. Genuine Christian faith aligns with the truth of darkness & light
    - i. “If we say . . .” I Jn 1:6-7
    - ii. “If we say . . .” I Jn 1:8-9
    - iii. “If we say . . .” I Jn 1:10