The Light Shines in the Darkness

John 1:1-5

I. The Word Revealed (vs. 1-4) – 4 truths about Jesus

A. Jesus is eternal (vs. 1a) – "in the beginning…with God"

"in the beginning was"

Word (logos)

Jesus is the fullest expression of who God is to mankind

Hebrews 1:1-3

Jesus is the one who is the answer to the world's greatest questions, the one who helps us make sense of the world around us.

"with God"

There was no time when the Word was not in existence or in relationship with God.

B. Jesus is God (vs. 1b) – "the word was God"

Because Jesus is eternal, Jesus is God.

"was God" – equal in essence.

C. Jesus is the creator (vs. 3) – "through Him all things were made"

Not a created being, but the creator of all things

Colossians 1:15-17

D. Jesus is life and light (vs. 4) – "in Him was life, and that life was the light…"

Genesis 1:2-3

1. Life (*Zoe*)- refers to the divine, spiritual, eternal, or abundant life that comes from God

   1 John 5:11-12

2. Light – manifestation of Christ's divine, spiritual life.

   Life - **John 11:25**

   Light and life - **John 8:12**

II. The Light Shining (vs. 5)

"The light shines in the darkness"

Jesus is a beacon of salvation to all who look to Him for salvation.

"darkness has not *overcome* it" – (katalambano)

2 ways to translate it:

1. Overcome – literal meaning; to seize, attack, overpower
2. Comprehend – figurative meaning; to comprehend, understand.

Both are true in Jesus:

1) In the life of Christ, darkness could not *overcome* His light

2) He was not *comprehended* or understood

Isaiah 9:1-2 – a promise of hope.

2 Corinthians 4:6 - God bringing light out of darkness to reveal His glory through Jesus Christ.