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Light
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I. The True Light is Not Partial.

*The true light, which gives light to **everyone**, was coming into the world (John 1:9).*

*I have come into the world **as light**, so that **whoever believes in me** may not remain in darkness (John 12:46).*

*For the grace of God **has appeared**, bringing salvation for **all people** (Titus 2:11).*

II. The World was Made Through Him

He was in the world, and the world was made through him... (John 1:10a).

III. Three Camps

A. The world.

*...yet the world **did not know him** (John 1:10b).*

*¹⁹ And this is the judgment: **the light has come into the world**, and people **loved the darkness** rather than the light because their **works were evil**. ²⁰ For everyone who does wicked things **hates the light** and does not come to the light, lest **his works should be exposed** (John 3:19–20).*

B. The knowing but unreceiving.

*He came to **his own**, and his own people **did not receive him** (John 1:11).*

*⁴⁴ The next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered **to hear the word of the Lord**. ⁴⁵ But when **the Jews saw** the crowds, they were **filled with jealousy** and began to contradict what was spoken by Paul, reviling him. ⁴⁶ And Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, saying, "It was necessary that **the word of God be spoken first to you**. Since you thrust it aside and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, **we are turning to the Gentiles** (Acts 13:44–46).*

C. The privileged.

¹² But to **all who did receive him**, who **believed in his name**, he **gave the right** to become children of God, ¹³ **who were born**, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, **but of God** (John 1:12–13).

What Type of Children Ought We to Be?

Those born of God...

1. do not keep on sinning.

No one born of God **makes a practice of sinning**, for God's seed abides in him; and **he cannot keep on sinning**, because he has been **born of God** (1 John 3:9).

2. love one another.

Beloved, let us **love one another**, for love is from God, and **whoever loves** has been **born of God** and knows God (1 John 4:7).

3. believe in Jesus and love God.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been **born of God**, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him (1 John 5:1).

4. overcome the world.

For everyone who has been **born of God overcomes the world**. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—**our faith** (1 John 5:4).

5. desire his protection.

We know that everyone who has been **born of God** does not keep on sinning, but he who was **born of God protects him**, and **the evil one does not touch him** (1 John 5:18).

IV. Born of the Word

Then Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this purpose **I was born** and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. **Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice**" (John 18:37).

since you have been **born again**, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the **living and abiding word of God** (1 Peter 1:23).

⁴⁴ And Jesus cried out and said, "Whoever **believes in me**, believes not in me but in **him who sent me**. ⁴⁵ And whoever sees me **sees him who sent me**. ⁴⁶ **I have come into the world as light**, so that **whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness**. ⁴⁷ If anyone **hears my words** and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. ⁴⁸ **The one who rejects me and does not receive my words** has a judge;

the word that I have spoken will judge him on the last day. ⁴⁹ For I have not spoken on my own authority, but the Father who sent me has himself given me a commandment—**what to say and what to speak.** ⁵⁰ And I know that his commandment is eternal life. **What I say, therefore, I say as the Father has told me**” (John 12:44–50).

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