

# LIGHT OF THE WORLD

JOHN 1:1-18

**Big Idea: The birth of Jesus Christ is the dawning of all things new.**

## **1.) LIGHT was created by God to point to Christ (v. 4-9).**

-- Light on Earth is meant to reveal and exalt the "True Light," Jesus Christ.

-- Light has a dual nature; it is a **WAVE** and a **PARTICLE** at the same time.

-- The paradoxical possibility of the God-man, Jesus, is confirmed by the paradoxical reality of the wave-particle, light (Rev. 21:23, 22:5).

-- **We do not fully understand the universe or anything in it unless we see how it points to the **SPIRITUAL** realities that God has embedded in everything He has made (Psalm 19:1-3, Rom. 1:18-20).**

-- When we take seriously what the Bible reveals about the physical universe, we realize that our culture stinks at science.

-- Modern science has devolved into a process that examines the created order with the express purpose of excluding the Creator, whose praises it was made to sing.

-- **Let us **RECLAIM** scientific inquiry for God's glory and the good for our souls!**

-- Every study of what God has made should point us to Jesus Christ and His Gospel for the glory to God.

**2.) Jesus is the NEW Light of the NEW Creation (v. 9-14).**

-- The first creation began when God established light in the darkness (Genesis 1:3-5).

-- The new creation similarly begins when the Light of CHRIST was sent into a world darkened by sin.

-- Jesus is the Light of the World (v. 4-8).

-- With Jesus' birth, God's true Light dawned in the universe (v. 9-11, Isaiah 9:2).

-- Even as the Genesis creation began with the onset of light, so the new creation began with the birth of Christ, the Light of the world.

-- **NEWNESS** is the unique and everlasting province of Christ alone, for new creation begins with light, and He is the Light of the World.

-- Newness will not truly happen in any meaningful way unless it begins with the Light of Christ (2 Cor. 5:17, Rev. 21:5).