



LIGHT OF THE WORD WEEK 2



RECEIVING JESUS
a study in John

Summary:

In Week 2 of "Receiving Jesus" - We explore what it truly means to bear witness to that light, not as the source ourselves, but as reflections of the one who came to illuminate every corner of human existence.

Key Points:

- Everything in creation was made through Jesus, making him the parent of all existence, and this truth should fundamentally shape how believers understand their identity
- The Greek word "hamartia," translated as sin, means to be without one's intended form or design, making sin not merely a moral failure but a departure from God's intended pattern for a person's life
- People are born into an iniquitous world and may carry generational bends, but the sin nature is a parasite that attaches to a person and is not the person's true identity.
- John the Baptist's role as a witness to the light rather than the source of light serves as the model for every believer: the job of the church is to illuminate Jesus, not to be the source of transformation themselves
- Redemption is not God rescuing people from what they were created to be, but restoring people to what they were always created to be — priests, kings, sons, daughters, and the bride of Christ
- Rather than focusing primarily on demonic activity, believers are called to illuminate the goodness, order, and angelic presence of God, agreeing with what has already been accomplished rather than repeatedly breaking what has already been broken

Reflection:

In what practical ways does your daily life reflect the light of Christ?

How does viewing sin as something attached to you but not defining you change the way you pursue freedom and wholeness?

What does a repentance rooted in identity restoration rather than guilt look like in your everyday life?

How does this distinction between inherited iniquity and God-given identity reshape the way the church should minister to people in similar situations?

- What does it look like practically to bear witness to Christ's light in a way that draws people toward him rather than distracting them?

Scripture Reference:

John 1:1-13 1 Corinthians 1:27 Romans 7:17
Colossians 1:15-16 James 1:22-25

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