The Light of Life

Who Am I - Week 12 (6-12-24)

John 1:1-5

I.   The nature of light
   A. Light = phos - Shine, manifest, luminousness, fire, light
   B. "…Comprehended it not"
      1. Katalambano = grasp; lay hold of, take eagerly, seize, possess, apprehend; attain; come upon.
         a) Darkness can do nothing about the light. It must submit to it every time.
   C. In the Bible light represents truth, knowledge, wisdom, Holiness, goodness, life, salvation, God's presence and favor
      1. The presence of God's Favor. - "The Lord make his face shine upon Thee…" Numbers 6:25
   D. Light is energy
      1. No light = no fruit - Eph. 5:11
      2. Cleansing - Eph. 5:13
         a) Light reveals and connects us with truth.
   E. God is light - 1 John 1:5-7
      1. Light creates connection.
         a) Light allows us to see and connects us with our environment.
II. How We are to be the light
   A. Matt. 5:13-16
      1. Be who Jesus says you are!
   B. 1 John 1:5-7
      1. Walk in the light.
         a) The closer you are to the source of light, the better the quality of light.
      2. We are a reflection of the true light source.
   C. Philippians 2:15-16
      1. Holding forth = hold fast; fix attention on, pay attention to
      2. 2 Corin. 3:13-18
         a) When we turn to the Lord, He is able to take the veil away and shine directly on us. Fully illuminating us.
         b) The Holy Spirit is the transformer. He does the work of the words of God.
            (1) Just like in Genesis 1
   D. Psalm 36:9
III. Fighting with Light
   A. It's better to light a candle than to curse the darkness.
      1. When God looked at darkness He chose to change the atmosphere with light (Himself).
         a) We can do the same.

2. Romans 8:5-6
    a) Instead of thinking about your sinful nature and how to fix it, just focus on the spirit that has been placed inside of you.
        (1) Keep the candle in your tabernacle always burning. - Leviticus 24:15-16
        (2) You are the temple - 1 Corin. 6:19
B. The light gives us freedom and confidence.
    1. "…Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." 2 Corin. 17