SERMON OUTLINE

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1) INTRODUCTION
   a) John 1:1-9
      i) Jesus is the light of the world.
   b) We are in a desperate condition today; but because of Jesus, there is light.
      i) Light came to the world in Bethlehem.
         (1) Isaiah 9:2
             (a) Isaiah was looking forward to that time when our Lord and Savior
                 would be born in Bethlehem.
         (2) Isaiah 9:6
         (3) Luke 1:78-79
             (a) Zacharias, who was the father of John the Baptist, anticipated
                 the coming of the Savior.
             (b) The “dayspring” from on high is another word to describe the Lord
                 Jesus.
         (4) Luke 2:27-32
             (a) Simeon picked up the baby Jesus to bless Him.
   c) John 3:19
   d) Today’s message will focus on five things about His wonderful, glorious light.

2) THE PURITY OF THAT LIGHT
   a) The light was in the world.
      i) John 8:12
   b) Jesus was in the world, but He was not of the world.
      i) John 8:23
   c) Light can never be defiled.
      i) Light can never be corrupted, no matter what it passes through or what it
         falls upon.
      ii) Light can fall upon the most corruptible and loathsome object, but it
          cannot be touched by it.
          (1) Light can expose it, but it’s not touched by it.
      iii) Water can flow from the purest spring, but it can get contaminated as it
          flows away; but it’s not the same with light.
   d) Light can never be defiled; therefore, light is a wonderful picture of the Lord
      Jesus Christ.
      i) Jesus exposed sin, but He was never contaminated by sin.
      ii) Jesus could touch sinners, but sin never touched Him.
          (1) Jesus is absolutely, totally undefiled.
   e) John 8:46
      i) Jesus is absolutely pure and sinless.

3) THE CONSTANCY OF THAT LIGHT (JOHN 1:1-2)
   a) Light is constant.
      i) John 1:1-2
         (1) Jesus is God; and being God, Jesus never changes.
(a) God cannot change; He is absolutely unchangeable.
   (b) Malachi 3:6
  ii) Light does not change.
b) James 1:17
   i) “No variableness” means that there is no change.
c) Albert Einstein stated that the reason he was able to construct and write down the theory of relativity is because there is one thing in the physical world that is constant and cannot change, and that is the speed of light.
  i) The only thing in our universe that is constant is light.
  ii) Jesus, in the spiritual realm, is the one constant.
     (1) He is light, and He does not change.
d) In the physical world, the closer you get to the speed of light, the more time slows down.
  i) If you were to achieve the speed of light, time would stand still.
  ii) One day, we will achieve the speed of light.
     (1) God is light; Christ is light.
     (2) One day, we will be made like the Lord Jesus.
     (3) 1 Timothy 6:16
        (a) One day, we will be transformed into His perfect image; and for us, time will stand still.
           (i) We will be in eternity.
           (ii) We will go from time to eternity because we will be like the Lord Jesus Christ.
ii) But for those in Hell, time also slows down.
    (1) They are in darkness.
    (2) They have no rest, day or night.
       (a) Revelation 14:11
e) Malachi 3:6
f) Hebrews 13:8
g) In a world of change, there is one who will not change; and His name is Jesus.
  i) He’s the light of the world.
  ii) You cannot make God nervous, and there is no panic in Heaven.
     (1) He sees the beginning from the end.
4) THE VICTORY OF THAT LIGHT (JOHN 1:3-5)
a) John 1:5
   i) This verse does not mean that the darkness did not understand the light.
   ii) This verse is translated as the following:
      (1) The darkness has not overcome the light.
      (2) The darkness cannot put out the light.
      (3) The darkness can never extinguish the light.
   iii) This passage is referring to the victory of this light.
b) There is a battle between light and darkness.
   i) Satan’s name is Lucifer.
(1) Lucifer means “light bearer.”
   ii) Satan turned against God and sinned against the light.
   iii) No longer is Satan the light bearer or Lucifer, the son of the morning.
   (1) He has now become Satan, the father of the night.
   iv) There is a dark, devilish darkness that is at battle with the light.
   c) Darkness is totally powerless against the light.
      i) If you’re in a dark room and you want to get the darkness out, you just have to turn on the light.
      (1) When you turn on the light, the darkness flees.
      ii) Darkness cannot put out the light; light has come into the world.
   d) In the natural world, the energy on the sun is indescribable.
      i) The brightest moonlit night, the light of the moon is only 1/800,000th as bright as an ordinary sunny day.
      ii) To look into the face of the sun would cause blindness.
      iii) The light of the sun is only a faint illustration of the Son of God and His brightness.
      (1) 1 Timothy 6:16
   e) Even on a cloudy and downcast day, the sun is still shining.
      i) You can block out the light, but you can’t put it out.
      ii) Rather than praying so much against the powers of darkness, we need to realize the power of the light.
      (1) We need to release the light of the Lord Jesus Christ and to bear witness of that light.
         (a) Think of His purity.
         (b) Think of His constancy.
         (c) Think of His victory.
      iii) Again, the darkness cannot put out the light.
         (1) You can walk into a room and turn on the light, but you cannot walk into a room and turn on the darkness.
         (2) The only think that can let the darkness in is for the light to be blocked out.
            (a) The darkness can never extinguish the light.

5) THE VITALITY OF THAT LIGHT (JOHN 1:4)
   a) Light and life are inextricably interwoven.
      i) You cannot have life unless you have light.
      ii) When God wanted to bring life to a chaos and make it a cosmos, He said, “Let there be light.”
         (1) Genesis 1:3
         (2) When the light came, the seas swarmed with life, the trees and seeds began to bud and blossom and grow.
   b) In natural science, we learn that the whole life chain is built upon the sunlight.
      i) Photo means light
ii) Synthesis means to put together.
iii) Photosynthesis is the process by which growing things are put together with light; light causes plants to produce chlorophyll.
iv) If you were to take the sunlight away from this world, then our world would become cold, dark and dead.
   (i) This is like a person without Jesus; he or she would be cold, dark and dead.
c) If you want your life put back together, it will be put back together with light.
i) This is divine photosynthesis.
   (i) Your world is put back together when the glorious light of the Son of God shines into your heart.
ii) John 10:10
d) When Adam sinned in the Garden of Eden, the Lord went out.
i) When the Lord went out, the life went out.
ii) When the life went out, the light went out.
   (i) When the Lord went out, Adam was depraved.
   (2) When the life went out, Adam was dead.
   (3) When the light went out, Adam was darkened.
   (a) When we are saved, the Lord comes back in, turns the light on, and the life begins again.

6) THE GLORY OF THAT LIGHT (JOHN 1:14)
a) Glory is the out-shining of the light of God's grace and truth.
i) It is the Shekinah glory of God.
ii) It is the light of God that is in Jesus Christ.
b) Nothing can match the purity of the light of the Lord Jesus.
c) There are seven colors that comprise the spectrum of light.
i) Jesus is the light of the world.
ii) The spectrum of light, with seven colors, reminds us of the perfection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
d) All light is made up of color.
i) When you put together all seven colors of the spectrum of light, the color is pure white.
   (i) This speaks of the holiness of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
e) Objects do not have color in themselves; the color is in the light.
i) Jesus is the one who makes everything glorious, and He helps us to see what He's made glorious.
f) Jesus is the glory of God.
i) Christ is the one who gives glory, joy and victory.
ii) He is the one who makes the world beautiful in His time.
g) There are things that only a believer in Christ can know and see.
i) 1 John 1:7
h) Jesus is the one who makes all things beautiful.
7) CONCLUSION  
   a) Many people neglect or refuse the light.  
      i) John 1:9-12  
   b) John 3:16-20  
   c) Some cannot see the light because they don’t want to see it.  
      i) If you will open your heart and receive the Lord Jesus Christ, He will pull  
         back the veil of darkness and flood your world with His light.  
         (1) And you will see and know things that you could never know without  
             Him.  
         (2) And He will never leave you nor forsake you.  
             (a) Hebrews 13:5  
   d) Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking  
      Him to come into your life.  
   e) Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask  
      Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.  
      i) Romans 3:23  
      ii) Romans 10:9-10  
      iii) Romans 10:13  
      iv) Acts 16:31  
      v) John 3:16