September Congregational Singing

Congregation · John 1:1–12

INTRODUCTION

- In the minds of more and more people, Sunday night services are optional, unimportant, and not worth our time. And what your being here says is that you see it otherwise.
- It's because of statements like Colossians chapter three and verse four that says when Christ, who is our life, is revealed.

1 Jesus Is Far Above All

Ephesians 1:18–23

- One of the things about righteousness and living the righteous life that God calls us to do is that it's revitalizing behavior.
- What we've done tonight has revitalized me.
- Jesus is above all power. All dominion. But it doesn't just say that he's above all of that. It says he is far above all of that.
- And he has the greatest name that is named anywhere. He has an unrivaled status.

2 That Life Was the Light of Men

John 10:7–10; John 1:1–4

- All of those I am statements, the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father but through me.
- Jesus is introduced as the Word, the Word who was with God, the Word who was God, and the creator of everything.
- And that life was the light of men. The life of Jesus, the death of Jesus, his entire sojourn here, his resurrection from the dead. It is the life that guides our path.

3 The Darkness Comprehends It Not

John 1:5

- When I think of Jesus in contrast to that faith. Or many of the religions of our world. The light shines in the darkness. And the darkness comprehends it not.
- When people sit and listen to lessons, lesson after lesson after lesson, and they do not respond obediently to the salvation of their souls. What tragedy.
- Or people who think, I just don't need this message. I certainly don't need the restrictions of this kind of lifestyle because I want to do what I want to do.

4 As Many As Received Him

John 1:11–12

- He came to his own, and those who were his own did not receive him.

- Those who were willing to listen to him, to embrace him, to honor him for who he was.
- But as many as received him, to them he gave the right to become children of God. And that's the right he's given you.
- Even those who are willing to embrace and acknowledge who he is and what that means in our lives.

THE CHALLENGE

How strongly do you believe? Do you believe strong enough to put on the Lord in baptism tonight? If you're not a Christian and have your sins washed away by his blood. Do you believe strongly enough to leave this place tonight?

MY NOTES