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• CityTeam Outreach - Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup> @ 4 pm

• Christmas Eve Services - Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> @ 4 pm & 6 pm

• Extol: Prayer & Praise - Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm

• Christmas Decor Cleanup - Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm

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### SONGS & SERMONS

"Joy To The World" - George Frideric Handel,  
Isaac Watts, Phil Wickham

"It Came Upon A Midnight Clear" - Edmund  
Hamilton Sears, Richard Storrs Willis

"Goodness of God" - Ed Cash, Jenn Johnson

"Stars of Glory" - Valley Bible Worship

"Saviour King" - Mia Fieldes, Marty Sampson

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## FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Operating Budget Need.....\$34,434.00

Y-T-D General Fund Need.....\$1,687,266.00

Text "valleybiblegive" 779-77 to give today.

Giving Last Week.....\$37,067.00

Y-T-D Giving.....\$1,677,256.00

GOD  
*With Us*  
—CHRISTMAS 2019—

12/15/19 | MUSIC: DAN GILLETTE | MESSAGE: TIM BARLEY

### MESSAGE NOTES

LIGHT with US

John 1:6-13

#### REVIEW

*1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. 4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.*

- Jesus is seen in relationship with the Father
- Jesus is seen in relationship to all created things & beings
- Jesus is seen in relationship to humanity

#### John's 7 Key Sources to Validate the Divinity of Jesus:

1. God the Father
2. Jesus Himself
3. The Holy Spirit
4. Jesus' work
5. The Scriptures
6. John the Baptist
7. Other human witnesses

*6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. 8 He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.*



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## The Differences between John the Baptist and Jesus (1: 6-8)

1. He isn't the \_\_\_\_\_
2. He's a \_\_\_\_\_ about the light
3. He wanted everyone to come to believe \_\_\_\_\_ him

**9** *The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.* **10** *He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him.* **11** *He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.* **12** *But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,* **13** *who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.*

## The Light of Jesus Illuminates:

1. The true nature of \_\_\_\_\_

*"The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world."* **1:9**

**5** *Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,* **6** *who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,* **7** *but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.* **8** *And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.* **Philippians 2:5-8**

2. The true nature of \_\_\_\_\_

*"He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him."* **1:10-11**

3. The true nature of \_\_\_\_\_

*"But to all who did receive him, who believe in his name, he gave the right to become children of God..."* **1:12**

*Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.* **1 John 3:2-3**

4. The true nature of \_\_\_\_\_

*"...who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."* **1:13**

## Three ways we're NOT born again (1:13)

- Not by \_\_\_\_\_
- Not by \_\_\_\_\_
- Not by \_\_\_\_\_

*See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.* **1 John 3:1**

## Discussion Questions:

How did John the Baptist's witness differ from other witnesses about Christ? (John 1:6-8) Why was intent on minimizing his ministry? (John 3:30)

What are some common reasons (excuses) that people give for rejecting Christ? How can these be countered?

How does Jesus Christ relate to the existence of the world? (John 1:10)

What does John tell us about the process of becoming a child of God? (John 1:12)

Many people think that they're saved for various reasons. How did John's writing address this matter? (John 1:13)