

# THE CONFLICT BETWEEN LIGHT AND DARKNESS.

John 1:1-14

- “And the Light shined in darkness; and the darkness apprehended it not.”
- This points to the period of the fall of man.
- Life and light suggest the contrasted ideas of death and darkness.

- Light and darkness exist side by side in the spiritual world.
- In the natural world, light expels the darkness, or darkness expels the light.
- The Light has always been shining, either in nature, providence, or revelation.
- Christ has never left himself without a witness.
- The Sun of Righteousness is still shining in darkness.
- Light is really “come into the world.”

- The darkness neither apprehended nor overcame the light.
- The light still shines, with an ever-widening border, as the darkness is being chased back.
- The darkness has not overpowered the light.
- But it has not any the better understood it or assimilated it.

# CHRIST IS IN HIMSELF THE TRUE LIGHT.

- Christ was the true Light, as revealing the truth concerning God and his character and purposes of mercy; as pouring the lustre of moral purity over a sin darkened world; as diffusing abroad spiritual life, and with it spiritual brightness, gladness, and hope.
- He is both luminous and illuminating.

# CHRIST IS THE LIGHT COMING INTO THE WORLD

- In himself he was and is the true Light This light came into the world even before the advent — has always been streaming into human nature and human society.
- He who first said, “Let there be light!” having provided that which is natural, did not withhold that which is spiritual..

- Yet this “coming” was especially in the earthly ministry of our Redeemer.
- Conversing with Nicodemus, Jesus said, “The Light is come into the world;” and before the close of his ministry he cried, “I am come a Light into the world

# JESUS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

- Expressions exactly corresponding with the language here used by John.
- It was to a world which needed him, which was in darkness and the shadow of death for want of him, that the Saviour came.
- His whole ministry was a holy, gracious shining; and in his light there were many who loved to walk.



# Christ Is for You and Me

- The purpose of Christ's coming into the world was that all men might through him enjoy spiritual illumination.
- Christ came "a Light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the Glory of God's people Israel."
- Not merely all the nations of men, but all classes and conditions, and even all characters, needed this Divine shining.

# PRACTICAL APPEAL

- The day has broken, the sun shines; Christ, the true Light, lighteth every man.
- Yet it is for each hearer of the gospel to decide whether he will accept the light and walk in it, or not.
- There are still those who love darkness rather than light, because their deeds are evil.
- For such, until their hatred or indifference towards Christ be changed, the day has dawned, and the Sun has risen, in vain.

# CHRIST REJECTED.

- Our treatment of the Lord Christ makes the decisive turning point in our spiritual history.
- Those who are once brought into contact with him, by hearing his gospel, are by that fact placed in a new and solemn position of responsibility.
- To reject him is to reject pardon, righteousness, and life.
- To accept him is to enter the Divine family, to enjoy the Divine favour, to live the Divine, the spiritual, the immortal life

# HIS UNRECOGNITION BY THE WORLD

- “And the world knew him not.” **1 . Great guilt. They ought to know him; for “he was in the world” — in their nature and in their midst.**
- They could not plead distance and disadvantages of recognition.
- They ought to know him; “the world was made by him;” and before their very eyes he proved the authorship beyond any doubt.

# YOUR OWN DISOWN YOU

- Lets say you arrive home on Christmas Day.
- You look through the window of the house and there they are: your parents, your brothers and sisters, presents , a Christmas tree, cookies, and even hot chocolate.
- There 's only one problem.
- No one will let you in.
- There you are with your own family, but they despise you; they hate you; they reject you.
- Then ,they send you away. That's what Jesus faced!

# REJECTED BY YOUR OWN FAMILY

- To be rejected, and to be rejected by his own — by those who it might be expected would receive him with untold enthusiasm.
- Better be rejected by strangers and spurned by professed foes, — this would he expected; but to be rejected by his own is apparently more than he can bear.

# conclusion

- While we blame the world for its unrecognition of the Son of God, let us beware lest we commit the same sin.
- He is in the world now. He is the reason for this season.
- Do we really know him? and to what extent?
- Are you sure that Jesus is the object of your faith?
- Christ comes to us every day.
- Do we receive him?