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.
“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 he rejected by his own is apparently more than he can bear.
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?