

## SERMON SUMMARY

<b>Date:</b> November 19, 2006	11:00 am Worship Service
<b>Preacher:</b> Rev. Donald Lawrence	<b>Reference:</b> Genesis 1:1-5, John 8:12
<b>Topic:</b> Thanksgiving: Giving Glory to the Lord of Light	

Have you ever stopped to think what the world would be without light? It's not merely the fact that it would hamper our ability to see, but life itself would be affected. Ecology itself depends heavily on light. Both Genesis and John deal with the concept of light in terms of importance to physical and spiritual life. Light has the power to bring about improvement, insight and individual responsibility in life.



In Genesis 1:1-4a and John 8:12, the verses seem to refer to an enhancement because of light, further broken down into:

- ✘ The foundation of creation (verse 1-2)
- ✘ The first stroke of the creator (verse 3-4a)
- ✘ The foremost saying of Christ (John 8:12)

This is a call to partake of Light. We ought to praise God for Light to develop because there is appearance of Light.

Genesis 1:4b-5a and John 3:18-19 speak of a 'designation or setting apart.' This suggests being earmarked because of light as seen in a:

- ✘ Separation by nature (verse 4b)
- ✘ Separation by name (verse 5a)
- ✘ Separation by neglect (John 3:18-19)

This is a call to prioritize for Light. We ought to praise God for Light to distinguish because there is an apportioning of Light.

Genesis 1:5b and John 14:6, there is an enumeration because of light. This is seen in:

- ✘ A unit to measure – day and night (verse 5b)
- ✘ An unfolding to mark – first day (verse 5b)
- ✘ A unique one to meet – Jesus (John 14:6)

This is a call to prepare for returns for Light. We ought to praise God for Light to discern because there is an accounting for light.

Life that is ultimately meaningful is founded, sustained and measured by the Light of the Word. We need to make sure that we are converted to Christ, living in communion with Him and in the end, be counted as one belonging to Him.