

“This Little Light Of Mine”

What is “the light”?

See: Psalm 139:11-12, Psalm 44:3, Psalm 27:1,
Psalm 36:9, In Psalm 104:2, Psalm 56:3, Psalm 112:4,
Psalm 119:105

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. ⁶ There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. ⁸ He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. ⁹ The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹² Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— ¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. ¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only [Son], who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.” John 1:1-14 (TNIV)

Uncertainty creates fear and seizes the light. (v.5)

“katalambano” = “to grasp”; either grasping something intellectually (to understand, to perceive, to comprehend) or a more hostile meaning of seizing something (to overcome, to overtake).

Those with the light should...

- ... testify concerning the light (vs. 6-9)
- ... be distinct from the darkness (vs. 10-13)
- ... have the glory shining inside and outside (v. 14)

Small Group Questions

1. Read the Psalms listed on the front of the sermon notes, either on your own or with your small group. Discuss or journal about what those verses reveal about the character and actions of God.
2. In the sermon, we talked about Satan subtly attacking us intellectually or more overtly attacking us with an obstacle or temptation. Where are you experiencing that type of uncertainty right now in your life?
3. Where have you found yourself focusing your attention and affection during this Christmas season, rather than on Jesus?
4. We talked about light being distinct from the darkness. What does it mean for those of us with the light to be distinct from the darkness?
5. What can you (and include your small group if you'd like) do to...
 - ... be sure that the light is raging inside of you
 - ... be sure that the light is out in front of you, in your conversations, relationships and neighborhoods?