Experiencing LIFE #1 Pastor Rick Baker

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“**In HIM was life**.”

*John 1:1-13*

*To those blinded, existing in hostile darkness, Jesus is the only hope for experiencing life.*

*The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. God, was the Word, and through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made. (1:14,1,2)*

1. Jesus is the Word of God, very God himself at work among us, who alone is eternal and the only source of life in the cosmos.

* By the Word, the wisdom and reason of God, everything came into existence that exists.
* Everything that has life is caused by and because of the presence of the Word of God.
* The Word of God entered the world in flesh to shine the light of truth and reality on this dark world.

*In Him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood/overcome it. (1:4,5)*

1. The Word of God in flesh, coming into this world, is life-light shining on the hostile darkness of dead existence to bring the life that God lives to those who believe.

“Light”-life (“that life”), the duration and quality of the life God lives, is from Him only, versus “dark”-life, dead existence, hostile to God, that leads to destruction/perishing.

Light or Dark?

 *Receive* ***OR*** *Fail to recognize, refuse to welcome, not understand, seek to overcome/oppose it?*

* Put darkness, disordered desires, passions, fears to flight **OR** produce them, exist in them?
* Expose reality, welcome transparency, embrace what is real **OR** resist what is real or exposing what is real, hide evil deeds, reject the light God brings?
* Know the way to go, walk in the way of truth, welcome truth **OR** lost, reject the way of truth, hostile to Christ-light?

WHAT TO DO? (1:13) Our ONLY Hope!

Welcome Jesus by believing this Word

...*these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing, you might have life in his name.* (20:31)

* That Jesus really is the Son of God,
* Really trusting in His words that they are true,
* Basing all of your life choices on the foundation of Jesus’ teaching.