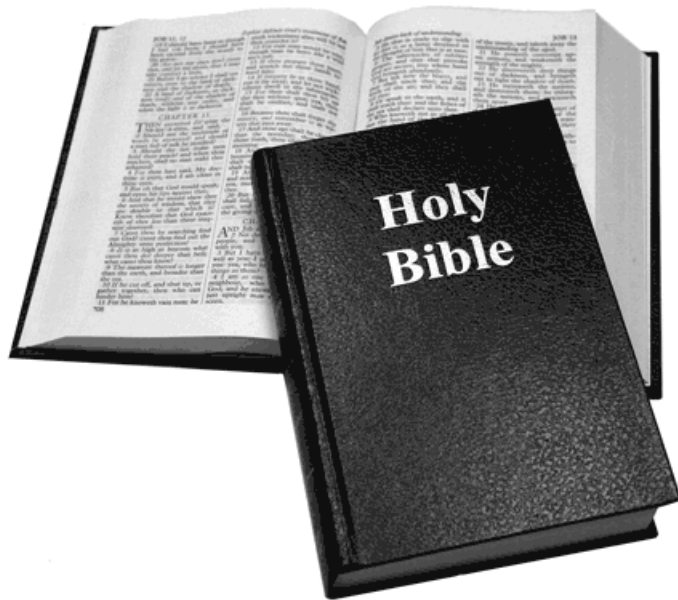


Studies in John – (Study 2)  
“The true light was coming”

Reading: John 1:4-9



*“These things are written so  
that you may believe that  
Jesus is the Christ...”*

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Tuesday 15th / Wednesday 16th September

As we continue in John chapter 1, John reveals from verse 4 how the ministry of the ‘pre-incarnate’ Christ (i.e. before His birth) in verses 1-3 connects with God’s redeeming purpose in history.

- 1) What does John mean when he refers to life and light being in Christ?
- 2) What do verses 4 and 5 tell us about the contrast between the One who came into the world and the world itself?
- 3) Verse 5 gives us a very important statement concerning the gospel message. *Why, if the light shone in the darkness, did the ‘darkness not understand it’?*

**Having set out the person of Christ and His ministry John now proceeds to speak of His forerunner, John the Baptist.**

- 4) Compare John’s description of Jesus in verses 1-4 and that of John the Baptist in verse 6. *What strikes you about the contrast?*
- 5) Verses 7-8 give a succinct job description for John the Baptist. *What was his role?*
- 6) In verse 9, why does John need to emphasise that the light he is writing about is the ‘true’ light and that it gives light to ‘every’ man?