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John 1:9-14 ⁹The true Light who gives light to every man was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and though the world was made through Him, the world did not recognize Him. ¹¹He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. ¹²But to all who did receive Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God— ¹³children born not of blood, nor of the desire or will of man, but born of God. ¹⁴The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (BSB)

John 1:18 No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is Himself God and is at the Father's side, has made Him known. (BSB)

I Timothy 6:16 He alone is immortal and dwells in unapproachable light. No one has ever seen Him, nor can anyone see Him. To Him be honor and eternal dominion! Amen. (BSB)

Today is Sanctity of Human Life Sunday.

- **I.** Here are the details of this passage.
 - A. It begins by setting the stage for <u>Jesus Christ</u> to come into the world. V. 9
 - **B.** He is called the true *Light*. V. 9
 - C. He is responsible for the distinctive traits of mankind. V. 9
 - **D.** He was not <u>recognized</u> by His own creation when He came. V. 10
 - E. He was not <u>received</u> by His fellow Jews when He came. V. 11
 - **F.** We must <u>believe</u> in His name in order to receive Him. V. 12
 - **G.** When we receive Him we become <u>children</u> of God. V. 12-13
 - **H.** The writer of this book testifies that he is an <u>eye witness</u> that Jesus Christ is who He claimed to be and who came to earth nearly 2,000 years ago. V. 14
- **II.** Why are these passages so important?
 - **A.** <u>Human</u> life should be valued, loved, and protected.
 - **B.** We must <u>hold firm</u> to the sound doctrine of who Jesus Christ is and how salvation is received.
 - **C.** We must <u>teach</u> others sound doctrine.
 - **D.** We must <u>testify</u> to our story of how we came to know God.