

# First Light

## Four Words

All too often we read a familiar passage of scripture and do not fully comprehend the enormous impact. Yes, we understand what it says, we have read it many, many, times before and yes, we even have it memorized. So often we formulate an idea about said scripture and never revisit or delve deeper to truly understand the impact. What is the scripture saying at the service level? Is there a deeper meaning? What questions do I have about the verse or passage? Should I question what I have learned from my teachers? We have been taught to respect our teachers; to respect their understanding of the scriptures. Yes, it is important to trust our teachers BUT, should we not go deeper on our own? Should we not question, reconsider, investigate, our understanding of the scriptures? At least we need to “examine the Scriptures every day” (Acts 17:11) to see if what our teachers said was true. As a challenge, I offer four words of scripture to consider. All of us can recite it. Our children can recite it. It is foundational to our understanding of God...but do we fully comprehend the enormous impact of four words? Can we question these four words and how it may impact our understanding of the Bible? Can we meditate on these words to gain a clearer picture of God and his relationship to mankind. Can these four words give us peace when life gives us hardship? Are these four words a measuring rod – not government, not movie stars, not social media influencers, not parents, not friends, but four words. Take the time to focus on the potential of these four words... Sure we all know the four words... but do we? How can I use these four words daily to impact my life? How can I use these four words to delve deeper into God’s word? How do I use these four words to help me develop a closer relationship with God, Christ, the Spirit and others? “In...the....beginning.....GOD!” Think about it... Would love to hear from you.

- Dan Waugh