

“I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD...” John 8 :12

#1. The origin of light Genesis 1:1-5

1. Started in chaos, disorder, ... Why?
2. First thing God created was light because there is no life without light.
3. “...that God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all.” 1 John 1:5
4. God saw the light as “good” vs. 4

#2. Jesus said, “I am the light of the world, he who follows me shall not walk in darkness BUT shall have the light of life.” John 8:12

John 1:4-13:

1. Contrast: darkness and light are mutually exclusive
2. We are lost in the dark
3. vs. 5 - no comprehension in the dark
4. We needed a witness for the Light vs. 6-8
 - a. Isaiah 40:3-5
 - b. Why do we need a witness for Jesus?
 - c. vs. 8 - 2 Corinthians 4:5
5. Vs 9-11: Being in the darkness causes 2 problems:
 - a. vs 10 - We do not recognize Him as the creator.
 - b. vs 11 - We do not recognize Him as the Messiah.
6. Vs 12-13:
 - a. “BUT” - some saw the Light
 - b. Not the way to Christ:
 1. Not of blood
 2. Not of self-will
 3. Not by the efforts of others

#3. Jesus said, “You are the light of the world. ...” Matthew 5:14-16

1. What does light do:
 - a. It reveals
 2. It measures
 3. It energizes
2. When we sin we commit ourselves to low light living
 - a. We hide, deny, cover, lie, excuse, shift blame, rationalize, defend...
 - b. We fear exposure
 - c. John 3:19-20
3. Grace shatters the darkness
 - a. Grace exposes light into our deepest darkest places
 - b. His grace is not for punishment BUT forgiveness and healing
 - c. He dispels our self-inflicted darkness because He knows:
 1. We cannot grieve what we do not see
 2. We cannot confess what we have not grieved
 3. We cannot turn (repent) from what we have not confessed

****Run to the light because what will be exposed is already covered by the cross****

What are your bushels or world philosophies that are blocking your light?

Are you learning to rise above the darkness, by the Holy Spirit, that keeps you optimistic and rejoicing in the Light?

#1. The origin of the light:

“Then God said, “Let there be light”, and there was light. And God saw that the light was good...” Genesis 1:1-5

“And the Lord was going before them in a pillar of fire by night, to give them light, that they may travel by night...” Exodus 13:21, 22

“...In Thy light we see light.” Psalm 36:9

“Thine is the day, Thine is the night; Thou hast prepared the light and the sun.”

Psalm 74:16

“It is He who reveals the profound and hidden things; He knows what is in the darkness, And the light dwells in Him” Daniel 2:22

#2. Jesus is the light:

“Come, house of Jacob, and let us walk in the light of the Lord.” Isaiah 2:5

“Again therefore Jesus spoke to them, saying “I am the light of the world; he who follows Me shall not walk in the darkness, but shall have the light of life.” John 8:12

“I have come as light into the world, that everyone who believes in Me may not remain in darkness.” John 12:46

“And the city has no need of the sun or of the moon to shine upon it, for the glory of God has illumined it, and its lamp is the Lamb. And the nations shall walk by its light, and the kings of the earth shall bring their glory into it. And in the day time (for there shall be no night there) ...” Revelation 21:23-25

#3. “You are the light...” Matthew 5:14

“...the light is come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the light; for their deeds were evil, for everyone who does evil hates the light, and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. But he who practices the truth comes to the light, ...” John 3:19-21

“No one, after lighting a lamp, puts it away in a cellar,...but on the lampstand, in order that those who enter may see the light. ...If therefore your whole body is full of light, with no dark part in it, it shall be wholly illumined, ...” Luke 11:33-36

“But you are not in darkness, that the day should overtake you like a thief; for you are all sons of light and sons of day. ...” 1 Thessalonians 5:4-8

“in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving, that they may not see the light ...is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God...” 2 Corinthians 4:4-6

“for you were formerly darkness, but now you are light in the Lord; walk as children of lights ... And do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but instead even expose them; ...” Ephesians 5:7-14

“... or what fellowship has light with darkness?” 2 Corinthians 6:14

“Do all things without grumbling or disputing; that you may prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, ... in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world.” Philippians 2:14-16