

# “LET THERE BE LIGHT”

## **INTRODUCTION**

The first recorded words of God are found in Gen. 1:3, where God said, “Let there be light.” God, the Author or Creator or Maker of nature, could command the elements of nature, even “light”, and it would obey. When Jesus was on earth He could calm the stormy sea, and the disciples saw that even the wind and sea would obey Him. (Matt. 8:27). In Psalms 33:9, David spoke of what God did in the creation week was in the form of words, in a “command.” In obeying God, there was a separation of “light” from darkness.

This lesson will deal with another kind of light and darkness that pertains to man’s spiritual life on this earth. “Darkness” is symbolic of “evil”, and “light” is symbolic of “good” or “righteousness.”

## **DISCUSSION**

### **I. 1<sup>st</sup>, let’s consider the reality of SPIRITUAL DARKNESS.**

- A. The New Testament associates “darkness” with Satan and evil works, in opposition to God.
1. At the cross, it was Satan’s hour of darkness. Luke 22:52; 23:44
  2. Satan uses darkness to blind people to the light of God’s word. 2 Cor. 4:3-4, 6
  3. The whole world lies in darkness and needs enlightenment. 1 John 5:19
    - a. The use of drugs and alcohol is of constant use in the world’s darkness.
    - b. Illicit sexual perversion, with so-called sex-change and “same sex” marriage, illustrates moral corruption in the world.
    - c. We hear and read of murder almost every day.
- B. We are called out of darkness, and to begin our walk in the light. Col. 1:13
1. In the kingdom, there is to be the absence of hatred toward one another while we abstain from the sins of darkness. 1 John 2:9-11
  2. We are also to abstain from the sins of darkness. Rom. 13:12
  3. We are to not confuse light with darkness, and make no provision to fulfill the works of darkness in our lives. Isa. 5:20; Rom. 13:12

### **II. 2<sup>nd</sup>, let’s consider the appearance of SPIRITUAL LIGHT.**

- A. God is the **CREATOR** of all light—for time and eternity.
1. Physical light came into the universe, and was separated from darkness.
  2. God IS “light” for time and eternity, and wants us to share in that light. 1 John 1:5; Rev. 21:23-25
- B. God sent “light” into the world in the person of His **SON**, Jesus. Isa. 9:2, 6-7; Luke 1:78-79; John 1:3-5, 6-9; 8:12; 9:4-5; 3:19
- C. The instrument of bestowing light to the world is through the message of the **GOSPEL** Jesus brought with Him, and gave to the world. Rom. 1:16; cf Matt. 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16
1. Satan tries to blind people to the gospel by the enjoyment of sin and possessions, either before or after they learn the truth. Luke 8:10-14
  2. Satan is able to so entice people in sin that they are blind to the truth of the gospel. 2 Cor. 4:3-4, 6
- D. Then, Christians are the living **EXAMPLES** of light, as they walk IN the light of God and His word, in their lives before the world. Matt. 5:14-16; John 12:35-36; Eph. 5:6-11; Col. 1:12-14

## **CONCLUSION**

- I. God **still** says “let there be light” in the presence of the gospel and Christians. 2 Cor. 6:14
  - A. The gospel reveals the person of light, who gave His life for us, which is revealed in the message of the gospel.
  - B. Christians are to be living examples of light, and messengers of the gospel to the lost and dying world. Cf Acts 26:12-18
  - C. By walking **IN** the light, we have continual contact with the cleansing blood of Jesus for sins committed after becoming Christians. 1 John 1:6-10
- II. If you are still walking in the darkness of sin, Christ wants you to begin walking in the light, as you confess your faith in Him, repent of every sin and be immersed in water for the remission of sins.
  - A. By walking **IN** the light is a prelude to the light of heaven.
  - B. By walking **IN** darkness is a prelude to the darkness of eternal punishment.
- III. If you want to live in the light of heaven, you need to begin that journey by obeying the Lord, and we urge you to begin right now, as we stand together and sin.

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