

## *God is Light and we are to Live in the Light as Children of Light*

### Introduction:

1. Aristotle wrote: “All men by nature desire to know.”
2. We desire to know the truth of who God is. And only when we know who God is will we understand who we are and what God created us for.
3. The greatest adventure of all is the adventure of knowing God

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## I. GOD IS LIGHT

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What does this tell us about God?

### **A. IT DESCRIBES THE GLORY AND SPLENDOR OF GOD**

1. **Pure Light is Incredibly Bright—Like the Sun is too bright to stare at...**
  - a) John was Given a Glimpse of the Heavenly Jerusalem—notice the description
  - b) (Revelation 21:22-23) “The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light. 24 And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light.”

### **B. IT TELLS US OF THE PURITY AND HOLINESS OF GOD**

1. **To Say God is Light is to Say God is Holy...**

**In Him There is No Darkness, No Impurity, Nothing to Hide**

  - a) John wrote, “There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light.” (Rev 22:5)

### **C. IT DESCRIBES THE REVEALING NATURE OF GOD**

1. **Light Reveals Rather than Conceals...**

**EXAMPLE:** In the street markets of the middle east, the shops are often simply little covered enclosures with no windows. Someone might want to buy a piece of silk or an article of beaten brass. Before buying it, the buyer takes it out to the street and holds it up to the sun, so that the light might reveal any flaws which happen to be in it. (Barclay)
2. **Light Reveals Hidden Imperfections, So it is with God (Eph 5:11–14)**
  - a) We must expose every action, every decision and every motive to the light of Christ.

### **D. IT TELLS US OF THE GUIDANCE OF GOD**

1. **He guides us and enlightens us with the Light of His Word**
  - a) (Ps 18:28) “For You will light my lamp; The Lord my God will enlighten my darkness.”
  - b) (Psalm 199:105) Your word *is* a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.
  - c) (Psalm 19:8b) The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes;
2. **He Guides us and Enlightens us to Jesus the Light of World**

“For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.” (2 Cor 4:6)

*John writes: God is light and in Him is no darkness at all” (1:5b)*

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## II. GOD IS LIGHT AND IN HIM IS NO DARKNESS

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Throughout Scripture—Darkness Represents Separation from God

### A. **BECAUSE DARKNESS IS HOSTILE TO THE LIGHT...** (Jn 3:19)

#### 1. **Some Seek the Shadows Because They Cannot Stand the Light**

a) It is a Bright light that reveals dark things...

#### 2. **Others Seek the Light to Know God and Walk in the Light**

a) Without Light, We Have No Direction, No Orientation...

#### 3. **We Become Like Cave Fish Who Live in Darkness of Deep Water Caves**

a) We Adapt to Groping in the Darkness—Ignore the Light Watch TV, Stay Entertained

b) Day by Day Descending In Darkness...

### B. **DARKNESS IS LIFE WITHOUT GOD...** (Jn 3:20–21)

#### 1. **Not only from Ignorance of God but antagonism toward God**

### C. **IN FACT, SEPARATION FROM GOD IS CALLED ‘OUTER DARKNESS’...**

#### 1. **God is light—so complete separation from God is complete darkness...**

a) Jesus Warns us of this—Parable of Wedding Feast (Mt 22:13)

b) Some Will Be Cast Out (Mt 8:11-12) So Jesus Gave Warning (Lk 13:28)

#### 2. **IT IS ETERNAL DARKNESS THAT AWAITS ANYONE WHO REJECTS GOD**

a) **Peter declared that God did not spare the angels who sinned...**

“but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment.” (2 Peter 2:4)

b) **The Same Fate of Those Who Lead People Astray From God**

“for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever.” (2:17)

### D. **PROBLEM: DARKNESS CAUSES BLINDNESS TO THE LIGHT...**

1. **If people hate one another, it is a sign they still walk in darkness, Even if they claim to walk in the light (1 John 2:9–11).**

2. **In Darkness—Even Satan Can Appear as an Angel of Light! (2 Cor 11:13–14)**

a) Every Temptation to Sin Involves a Lie from Satan...

b) For every Good Gift—Satan Offers You a Counterfeit

c) For Every Truth—Satan Offers You a Lie

3. **Notice This Framework Exposes: The Lie > The Longing > The Light**

(1) **THE LIE:** A new car, new wife, new life, new Status will make me happy

(2) **THE LONGING:** True Joy, True Peace, True Contentment, Significance

(3) **THE LIGHT:** God wants you to have True Joy, True Peace, Eternal

Contentment and offers them in Christ! [No Condemnation, grace, peace]

**When in Santa Cruz a news story reminded me of a local surfer Kevin Reed...**

Judas—Money; King Solomon—Pleasure; Pilate—Power... Pharisees—Prominence Respect  
Times change but Human Nature Stays the Same

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## III. GOD CALLS US OUT OF DARKNESS INTO HIS LIGHT

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### A. BY SENDING JESUS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

1. **Just before going to the cross, Jesus encouraged His disciples to walk in the light so that the darkness does not overtake them...**

<sup>35</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "A little while longer the light is with you. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you; he who walks in darkness does not know where he is going. <sup>36</sup> While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light." (John 12:35)

2. **EXAMPLE: Rudy told me how he went hunting with a group of men...**

- a) and one of them was caught after dark and couldn't find his way back...
- b) So they took the 4 wheel drive rigs up on a hill and turned the lights on
- c) That lost hunter found his way through the dark to the light! Made it back safe!

3. **Jesus is the Light of the World (John 8:12)**

- a) Those who follow Christ will no longer walk in darkness, as others do, but they will have the light of life.

### B. ONLY JESUS CAN DELIVER US FROM DARKNESS INTO THE LIGHT

1. **Jesus came to deliver us from the domain of darkness...  
into His marvelous light (1 Peter 2:9).**

2. **[CHART: Kingdom of Light]**

### C. TO BE CHILDREN OF LIGHT WHO WALK IN THE LIGHT

1. **God Has Called Us Into His Light to Become Children of Light**

**—To Display the Same Spiritual Traits as Our Father in Heaven!**

*For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (Eph. 5:8)*

2. **In the time of John There were some Christians who wanted to be teachers**

**—not because they Loved the Lord, or loved the Truth...**

**—But Because they loved themselves—and wanted the Status like Pharisees**

- a) So Not Only Were They Susceptible to False Teaching...
- b) They Embraced it! For How it Elevated Themselves as having "Special Knowledge"

3. **John called Them out Just as Jesus Called Out False Teachers...**

**By Their Fruits You Will Know Them**

- a) **So How Do We Know If We Walk in the True Light? (1 Jn 2:3–6)**

**To Abide in God We Must Walk as Christ Walked...**

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- b) —We Practice Righteousness—Because He is Righteous...
- c) —We Are to Be Pure—Because He is Pure!
- d) —We Love One Another—Because God Loved Us
- e) —We Are Patient with One Another—Because God is Patient with Us...
- f) —We Bear On Another's Burdens—Because God Bears Our Burdens
- g) —We Walk in the Light—Because He is Light
- h) —We Walk as Christ Walked—We Live as Christ Lived

**When We Live in the Light—  
the Blood of Jesus Cleanses Us from All Sin (1 Jn 1:5-7)**

*Romans 13:12 <sup>12</sup> The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.*

**CONCLUSION:**

1. **God is Light and we are to Live in the Light as Children of Light  
to reflect the light of His Glory in a dark world (Matthew 5:14, 16)**