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### The Light of the World!

**Scripture:** John 8:12 – Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

The light represents His divine nature and the eternal life He offers to us, inviting us to follow Him for clarity and purpose. It emphasizes the transformative power of faith, encouraging us to His light in our lives. Jesus was claiming that He is the exclusive source of **spiritual light**. No other source of **spiritual truth** is available to mankind. Moreover, it recalls the power of God's presence to bring life and understanding, and to our spirits, and to illuminate our path so we may know the truth and be free from chains of darkness, ignorance, and sin.

There are two types of light in the world. When we are born into this world, we perceive physical light, and by it we learn of our Creator's handiwork in the things we see. However, although that light is good, there is another Light, a Light so important that the Son of God had to come in order to both declare and impart it to mankind.

Many people don't want their lives exposed to God's light because they are afraid of what it will reveal (John 3:19-20). They don't want to be changed. Don't be surprised when these same people are threatened by your desire to obey God and do what is right, because they are afraid that the light in you may expose some of the darkness in their lives. Don't be discouraged, keep praying that they will come to see how much better it is to live in light than in darkness.

Following Jesus is the condition of two promises in John 8:12. **First**, His followers *shall not walk in darkness*, which is an assurance of our salvation we enjoy. As true followers of the Light, we should never follow the ways of sin, nor live in a state of continually sinning (1 John 1:5-7). John is saying that no one can claim to be a child of God and still live an evil life and immorality. We can't love God and court sin at the same time. Rather, we repent of our sin in order to stay close to the Light of the world.

Light represents what is good, pure, true, holy, and reliable. Darkness represents sin and evil. To say "**God is light**" means that God is perfectly holy and true, and that He alone can guide us out of the darkness of sin. **In the dark, good and evil look alike; in the light, they can be clearly distinguished.**

Real cleansing from sin came with Jesus, the "*Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world*" (John 1:29). Jesus died for the sins of the world. He has paid the penalty for our sins; His blood has cleansed us. Just as He rose from the grave, we rise to a new life of fellowship with Him (Romans 6:4).

The second promise is that we will reflect the Light of Life. Just as He came as the Light of the world, He commands us to be "lights," too in Matthew 5:14-16. If we live for Christ, we will glow like lights, showing others what Christ is like. We hide our light by (1) being quiet when we should speak, (2) going along with the crowd, (3) denying the light, (4) letting sin dim our light, (5) not explaining our light to others, or (6) ignoring the needs of others. **Be a beacon of truth—don't shut your light off from the rest of the world.**

To walk in the light describes a journey of faith in Jesus Christ. It means we should daily come into closer conformity to the image of Jesus. This is accomplished as we "*grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ*" (2 Peter 3:18). Peter urged his readers to get to know God better and better. This is the most important step in refuting the darkness in this world. No matter where we are in our spiritual journey, no matter how mature we are in our faith, the sinful world always challenges our faith. We still have much room for growth. If every day we draw close to Christ, we will be prepared to stand for truth in all circumstances.

**Remember people of God, Jesus is the source of our light and we must reflect His light to the world!**