

# JESUS the Light of the World

Text: John 8:12

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*Jesus opens our eyes to the light of truth*

## 1. Jesus spoke of Himself as the Light...

- "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life." (Jn 8:12)
- "As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." (Jn 9:12)
- "I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness." (Jn 12:46)

## 2. After healing a man born blind—the pharisees got angry and kicked the man out of the temple—but Jesus the Lord of the temple found him! (John 9:35–39)

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## I. JESUS IS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

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### A. LIGHT GIVES SIGHT AND UNDERSTANDING...

1. Without Light we cannot see or understand the world around us
2. We Stumble through life not knowing the right way to go
3. Jesus opens our eyes to the truth so we can see how things really are  
So we can truly say I was Blind—but now I see! (John 11:9–10)

### B. LIGHT ALSO GUIDES...

1. Just as a Lighthouse guides sailors through a storm into harbor
2. God's word is a lamp to our feet and Guide to our path...
3. Jesus is the Light of the World that Guides us to Walk in Light...  
*"I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life." (Jn 8:12)*

### C. LIGHT BRINGS LIFE...

1. Without Sunlight Life Would not be possible on earth...
2. The Sun is the source of energy for all plants and indirectly for all animals
3. The body needs sunlight to synthesize vitamins...
4. The planet needs sunshine for process of photosynthesis to create oxygen
5. Life Depends on Light and Spiritual Life Depends of Jesus the Light  
*"In him was life, and the life was the light of men." (John 1:4)*

### D. LIGHT PURIFIES...

1. In 1877, it was discovered that sunlight kills bacteria.
2. We now know that the ultraviolet rays of the Sun purifies the air, water and surfaces from bacteria and germs.
3. Jesus is the Light and by His blood we are purified of sin (1 John 1:7)

### **E. LIGHT BRIGHTENS OUR MOOD...**

1. In Northern climates they call it (S.A.D.) Seasonal Affective Disorder which is a result of a lack of sunlight.
2. It causes depression and sadness —> The cure is Light.
3. Jesus brings Light to our Soul and our Mind.
4. In Christ we find true Joy that cannot be taken from us.

'I have come as light into the world, that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness' (12:46).

### **F. LIGHT DISPELS FEAR AND GIVES SECURITY...**

1. Have you ever gone camping in the high mountains by yourself?
2. After Dark it turns into a whole different place: every sound, every scratch
3. But when the Morning Light dawns the Sunlight brings security and hope
4. Jesus dispels fear because we know God is in control

<sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. (John 14:27)

### **G. LIGHT GIVES HOPE...**

1. When we've had a terrible day... and we go to be defeated,
  - a) we look forward to a new day and a second chance
  - b) When the sun of a new day rises we have hope for a better day.
2. We have Hope for the Future because in Christ we have forgiveness of sins

<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)

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## **II. BUT SOME LOVE DARKNESS RATHER THAN LIGHT**

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### **A. THIS IS THE CONDEMNATION... (Jn 3:16-19)**

1. Jesus gives Sight to the Blind—but not everyone wants to see
2. Jesus Died to save the world—but not everyone wants to be saved
3. This is not God's Fault—Their Response to the Light is their own choice
4. UNBELIEF is not an Intellectual Choice it is a MORAL one
5. Men Love Darkness Rather than the Light Because their deeds were evil

### **B. EVERYONE PRACTICING EVIL HATES THE LIGHT (John 3:20)**

1. Men love darkness not only for its own sake but because of what it hides.
2. They chose to walk in darkness—so they can do the works of darkness
3. They Refuse the Mercy offered to the them...

They reject the Savior who died for them...

So they receive the Condemnation that is chosen by them.

(John 9:39) > (2 Corinthians 4:3–6)

### **C. THOSE WHO LOVE THE TRUTH LOVE THE LIGHT (John 3:21)**

1. Notice the Difference with those who love the truth!
2. They are drawn to the light—they rejoice in the truth!
3. They want to be with God and His people!

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## **III. THE IMPLICATIONS FOR US**

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### **A. SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS IS A CHOICE**

1. **The Greatest Deception of Mankind Falls on Those Who Think They See but Are Spiritually Blind to their own blindness**
  - a) We Might Call it: BEING IN DENIAL...
  - b) The Bible Calls it "Willful ignorance"... or "Deceiving Ourselves"
2. **There Comes a Point Where Spiritual Blindness Becomes a Choice... It's Not Intellectual—it is Moral...**
3. **EXAMPLE: Lazarus and the Rich man... (Luke 16:19–31)**
  - a) Even if someone were to come back from the grave they would not believe!
  - b) A Person's World-View is not based on evidence but the will of their heart
  - c) And even if someone came back from the dead it won't change their heart
  - d) WHY? Because They Don't Love the Truth—They Love Themselves!
4. **But Darkness is Deceptive... John says even some Christians think they are in the light but are actually in darkness! (1 John 2:9–11)**
5. **We Must Walk in Light if we want forgiveness of our sins (1 John 1:5–7)**

### **B. JESUS OPENS OUR EYES TO THE TRUTH SO WE CAN BECOME CHILDREN OF LIGHT AS LIGHTS IN THE WORLD**

1. **Jesus said you are the light of the world (Matthew 5:14–16)**
  - a) This may be the greatest compliment that was ever paid to the individual Christian,
  - b) Here Jesus commands the Christian to be what He himself claimed to be.
  - c) Jesus said: 'As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world' (John 9:5).
  - d) When Jesus commanded his followers to be the lights of the world, he demanded nothing less than that they should be like himself.
2. **Light is Meant to Be Seen...**
  - a) 'There can be no such thing as secret discipleship, for either the secrecy destroys the discipleship, or the discipleship destroys the secrecy.'
  - b) Our Christian Faith must be open and visible.
3. **Light is a Guide...**
  - a) Like a Lighthouse shining on a dark and stormy night...
  - b) Light helps guide others to safety and to home...

c) **EXAMPLE: Rudy told me how he went hunting with a group of men...  
and one of them was caught after dark and couldn't find his way back...**

(1) So they took the 4 wheel drive rigs up on a hill and turned the lights on

(2) That lost hunter found his way through the dark to the light! Made it back safe!

#### **4. Light is Also a Warning...**

a) Just as A Lighthouse can be a guide to the Harbor....

b) But Lighthouses are also placed where Ships can avoid the danger of the rocks.

c) We are to help guide the lost out of the dark and into the light for their eternal safety

### **CONCLUSION:**

**1. The Future is for those who Can See and Can Shine! (Daniel 12:1–3)**

**2. Jesus is the Light of the World...**

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but have the light of life." (Jn 8:12)*

***And We Are Called to walk as children of light in a dark world***

***"For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.  
Walk as children of light" (Ephesians 5:8; 14)***