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Luke 1:78-79 says, “Through the tender mercy of our God, with which the Dayspring from on high has visited us; to give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

Our world is in a desperately dark condition, but thanks be to God, who sent us His Son, Jesus, the Light of the World.

There are five things to learn about the light of Jesus Christ:

This light is pure. Jesus was in the world, but He was not of the world. Light can never be defiled, no matter what it passes through. Light can expose the vilest, corrupt darkness, but it's not touched by it.

Adrian Rogers says, “This is a wonderful picture of Jesus Christ. He exposes sin, but He is never touched by sin. Jesus could touch sinners, but sin never touched Jesus.”

This light is constant. God is absolutely unchangeable. The only thing that is constant in our universe is light. Likewise, in the spiritual realm, Jesus is the one constant.

Hebrews 13:8 says, “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.”

This light is victorious. John 1:5 says, “The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.”

This light is vital. Jesus is the one who gives life. Light and life are inextricably interwoven; you cannot have life without light.

When God first initiated life in this universe, He first commanded, “Let there be light.” (Genesis 1:3) If the sunlight were to disappear, our world would become cold and dark and dead. Likewise, when Jesus came into the world, in Him was life, and that life was the light of Man!

If we want to revive our lives, we need the light of Jesus Christ.

Finally, this light is glorious. It is full of multifaceted splendors. Pure white light consists of a spectrum of colors, the most gorgeous bouquet in the world. If you take away the light, it has no color. Color is not in objects...it's in light.

Christ is the one who gives glory and joy and victory. He's the one who makes this world beautiful in His time.

## LIFE APPLICATION

Don't blot out the light of Jesus Christ; rather, let Him shine through you today.



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## 1) INTRODUCTION

- a) John 1:1-9
  - i) Jesus is the light of the world.
- b) We are in a desperate condition today; but because of Jesus, there is light.
  - i) Light came to the world in Bethlehem.
    - (1) Isaiah 9:2
      - (a) Isaiah was looking forward to that time when our Lord and Savior would be born in Bethlehem.
    - (2) Isaiah 9:6
    - (3) Luke 1:78-79
      - (a) Zacharias, who was the father of John the Baptist, anticipated the coming of the Savior.
      - (b) The “dayspring” from on high is another word to describe the Lord Jesus.
    - (4) Luke 2:27-32
      - (a) Simeon picked up the baby Jesus to bless Him.
- c) John 3:19
- d) Today’s message will focus on five things about His wonderful, glorious light.

## 2) THE PURITY OF THAT LIGHT

- a) The light was in the world.
  - i) John 8:12
- b) Jesus was in the world, but He was not of the world.
  - i) John 8:23
- c) Light can never be defiled.
  - i) Light can never be corrupted, no matter what it passes through or what it falls upon.
  - ii) Light can fall upon the most corruptible and loathsome object, but it cannot be touched by it.
    - (1) Light can expose it, but it’s not touched by it.
  - iii) Water can flow from the purest spring, but it can get contaminated as it flows away; but it’s not the same with light.
- d) Light can never be defiled; therefore, light is a wonderful picture of the Lord Jesus Christ.
  - i) Jesus exposed sin, but He was never contaminated by sin.
  - ii) Jesus could touch sinners, but sin never touched Him.
    - (1) Jesus is absolutely, totally undefiled.
- e) John 8:46
  - i) Jesus is absolutely pure and sinless.



## 3) THE CONSTANCY OF THAT LIGHT (John 1:1-2)

- a) Light is constant.
  - i) John 1:1-2
    - (1) Jesus is God; and being God, Jesus never changes.
      - (a) God cannot change; He is absolutely unchangeable.
      - (b) Malachi 3:6
    - ii) Light does not change.
  - b) James 1:17
    - i) “No variableness” means that there is no change.
  - c) Albert Einstein stated that the reason he was able to construct and write down the theory of relativity is because there is one thing in the physical world that is constant and cannot change, and that is the speed of light.
    - i) The only thing in our universe that is constant is light.
    - ii) Jesus, in the spiritual realm, is the one constant.
      - (1) He is light, and He does not change.
  - d) In the physical world, the closer you get to the speed of light, the more time slows down.
    - i) If you were to achieve the speed of light, time would stand still.
    - ii) One day, we will achieve the speed of light.
      - (1) God is light; Christ is light.
      - (2) One day, we will be made like the Lord Jesus.
      - (3) 1 Timothy 6:16
        - (a) One day, we will be transformed into His perfect image; and for us, time will stand still.
          - (i) We will be in eternity.
          - (ii) We will go from time to eternity because we will be like the Lord Jesus Christ.
      - iii) But for those in Hell, time also slows down.
        - (1) They are in darkness.
        - (2) They have no rest, day or night.
          - (a) Revelation 14:11
    - e) Malachi 3:6
    - f) Hebrews 13:8
    - g) In a world of change, there is one who will not change; and His name is Jesus.
      - i) He's the light of the world.
      - ii) You cannot make God nervous, and there is no panic in Heaven.
        - (1) He sees the beginning from the end.

## 4) THE VICTORY OF THAT LIGHT (John 1:3-5)

- a) John 1:5
  - i) This verse does not mean that the darkness did not understand the light.
  - ii) This verse is translated as the following:
    - (1) The darkness has not overcome the light.
    - (2) The darkness cannot put out the light.



- (3) The darkness can never extinguish the light.
    - iii) This passage is referring to the victory of this light.
  - b) There is a battle between light and darkness.
    - i) Satan's name is Lucifer.
      - (1) Lucifer means "light bearer."
    - ii) Satan turned against God and sinned against the light.
    - iii) No longer is Satan the light bearer or Lucifer, the son of the morning.
      - (1) He has now become Satan, the father of the night.
    - iv) There is a dark, devilish darkness that is at battle with the light.
  - c) Darkness is totally powerless against the light.
    - i) If you're in a dark room and you want to get the darkness out, you just have to turn on the light.
      - (1) When you turn on the light, the darkness flees.
    - ii) Darkness cannot put out the light; light has come into the world.
  - d) In the natural world, the energy on the sun is indescribable.
    - i) The brightest moonlit night, the light of the moon is only 1/800,000th as bright as an ordinary sunny day.
    - ii) To look into the face of the sun would cause blindness.
    - iii) The light of the sun is only a faint illustration of the Son of God and His brightness.
      - (1) 1 Timothy 6:16
  - e) Even on a cloudy and downcast day, the sun is still shining.
    - i) You can block out the light, but you can't put it out.
    - ii) Rather than praying so much against the powers of darkness, we need to realize the power of the light.
      - (1) We need to release the light of the Lord Jesus Christ and to bear witness of that light.
        - (a) Think of His purity.
        - (b) Think of His constancy.
        - (c) Think of His victory.
    - iii) Again, the darkness cannot put out the light.
      - (1) You can walk into a room and turn on the light, but you cannot walk into a room and turn on the darkness.
      - (2) The only think that can let the darkness in is for the light to be blocked out.
        - (a) The darkness can never extinguish the light.
- 5) THE VITALITY OF THAT LIGHT (John 1:4)
- a) Light and life are inextricably interwoven.
    - i) You cannot have life unless you have light.
    - ii) When God wanted to bring life to a chaos and make it a cosmos, He said, "Let there be light."
      - (1) Genesis 1:3
      - (2) When the light came, the seas swarmed with life, the trees and seeds began to bud and blossom and grow.



- b) In natural science, we learn that the whole life chain is built upon the sunlight.
    - i) Photo means light
    - ii) Synthesis means to put together.
    - iii) Photosynthesis is the process by which growing things are put together with light; light causes plants to produce chlorophyll.
    - iv) If you were to take the sunlight away from this world, then our world would become cold, dark and dead.
      - (1) This is like a person without Jesus; he or she would be cold, dark and dead.
  - c) If you want your life put back together, it will be put back together with light.
    - i) This is divine photosynthesis.
      - (1) Your world is put back together when the glorious light of the Son of God shines into your heart.
    - ii) John 10:10
  - d) When Adam sinned in the Garden of Eden, the Lord went out.
    - i) When the Lord went out, the life went out.
    - ii) When the life went out, the light went out.
      - (1) When the Lord went out, Adam was deprived.
      - (2) When the life went out, Adam was dead.
      - (3) When the light went out, Adam was darkened.
        - (a) When we are saved, the Lord comes back in, turns the light on, and the life begins again.
- 6) THE GLORY OF THAT LIGHT (John 1:14)
- a) Glory is the out-shining of the light of God's grace and truth.
    - i) It is the Shekinah glory of God.
    - ii) It is the light of God that is in Jesus Christ.
  - b) Nothing can match the purity of the light of the Lord Jesus.
  - c) There are seven colors that comprise the spectrum of light.
    - i) Jesus is the light of the world.
    - ii) The spectrum of light, with seven colors, reminds us of the perfection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
  - d) All light is made up of color.
    - i) When you put together all seven colors of the spectrum of light, the color is pure white.
      - (1) This speaks of the holiness of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
  - e) Objects do not have color in themselves; the color is in the light.
    - i) Jesus is the one who makes everything glorious, and He helps us to see what He's made glorious.
  - f) Jesus is the glory of God.
    - i) Christ is the one who gives glory, joy and victory.
    - ii) He is the one who makes the world beautiful in His time.
  - g) There are things that only a believer in Christ can know and see.
    - i) 1 John 1:7



h) Jesus is the one who makes all things beautiful.

7) CONCLUSION

a) Many people neglect or refuse the light.

i) John 1:9-12

b) John 3:16-20

c) Some cannot see the light because they don't want to see it.

i) If you will open your heart and receive the Lord Jesus Christ, He will pull back the veil of darkness and flood your world with His light.

(1) And you will see and know things that you could never know without Him.

(2) And He will never leave you nor forsake you.

(a) Hebrews 13:5

d) Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.

e) Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.

i) Romans 3:23

ii) Romans 10:9-10

iii) Romans 10:13

iv) Acts 16:31

v) John 3:16



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Would you be finding John chapter 1? When you've found it, look up here. John chapter 1. I want to tell you an interesting story and really very sad story. Back in World War II, in the north Atlantic, there was an aircraft carrier that was in danger from enemy submarines. And they sent out five of their finest airplanes with five of their finest pilots to scout out and to see if they could spot the enemy submarines. It was at night time. The captain of that aircraft carrier realized he was in grave danger, and gave this commandment. He said, "Every light on this ship is to be extinguished. There is to be a total black out."

Those five pilots that had gone out to reconnoiter to try to find those enemy submarines finally came back, and they radioed to that aircraft carrier. They said, "We're coming home. Give us some light to land by." The radio operator said, "I'm sorry. There's a total black out. We cannot give you light." Another of those pilots radioed in and said, "Just give us some light, and we'll land." Again the order came back, "It is total black out. We cannot give you some light." In desperation, one of the pilots radioed in and said, "Give us just one light to help us find our way home." The radio dispatcher there aboard that aircraft carrier with a broken heart said, "I can give you no light," and shut off the switch. And five brave American pilots, five of America's best went down in the blackness to the chilly waters of the North Atlantic and out into eternity.

Now I want you to keep that story in mind as I read to you from the Gospel of John beginning in verse 1 through verse 9, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life," now listen to this, "and the life was the Light of men. And the Light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. He," that is John, "was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world."

I want to talk to you today about Jesus, the Light of the world. Jesus, the Light of the world. Like those pilots, we're in a desperate condition but thank God there is light. Light has come into the world. Light came to the world in Bethlehem. I was thinking this past week of the Scriptures, the Christmas Scriptures that tell us that Jesus is the Light of the world. Just put these in the margin there. Don't look them up, but just write them down. In Isaiah chapter 9 and verse 2, Isaiah looking forward to that time when our Lord and Savior would be born in Bethlehem said, "The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light. And they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined." And that light of course, Isaiah goes on to tell us in the sixth verse of that same chapter, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given." That child is the light that Isaiah was prophesying about.

And Zacharias, who was the father of John the Baptist, anticipated the coming of the Savior into



the world. And he said in Luke chapter 1 verses 78 and 79, "Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the dayspring on high hath visited us." The dayspring from on high, that's another word to describe the Lord Jesus. "To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

Simeon, that dear old man of God, picked up the baby Jesus to bless the baby Jesus. And here's what Simeon said in Luke chapter 2 verses 28 through 32. The Bible says, "Then took he Him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said, 'Lord, now lettest Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy Word: for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,'" now he's holding the baby Jesus, and this is what he says, "'For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people; a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel.'"

Christmas is about light. Jesus is the Light of the world. We love to sing, "Silent Night Holy Night," but "Silent Night Holy Night" is not about the night. It is about the light. And one stanza says, "Silent night, holy night, darkness flies. All is light." It's not about the night. It's about the light. We sing "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing," and a part of that is, "Hail the Heaven born Prince of Peace. Hail the Sun of Righteousness." And the word Sun is spelled S-U-N. "Light and life to all He brings, risen with healing in His wings." Light is come into the world, John tells us in the third chapter of John, verse 19. I want you to notice with me today as we think about Jesus, the Light of the world, five things about Him, five things about His wonderful, glorious light.

The first thing I want you to notice is the purity of that light, the purity of that light. Now the Bible says the light was in the world. Jesus was in the world, but friend, He was not of the world. In the natural world there is nothing as pure as sunlight, nothing as pure really as any kind of light. Let me tell you something about light. Light can never be defiled. Listen to me. Light can never be corrupted, no matter what it passes through, or no matter what it falls upon. Light can never be defiled. It can never be sullied. It can never be corrupted. You can let light fall on the most corruptible, putrefying, vile, loathsome, disease-ridden object or subject, and yet the light is not touched by it at all. It can expose it, but it's not touched by it. Now you take water from the purest spring and it might be pure water, but as it bubbles up and begins to flow away, it gets contaminated. But not with light. You can take snow, crystal pure, let it fall from Heaven, but before long that snow will be corrupt, but not light, not light.

Light can never be defiled and therefore light is a wonderful picture of the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus was in this world; Jesus, the Light of the world. He exposed sin, but He was never contaminated by sin. Jesus could touch sinners, but sin never touched Jesus. Now you think about it. He's absolutely, totally undefiled.

And so I love the picture of light when the Bible calls Christ the Light of the world. It reminds me of the sinless, stainless purity of the Son of God. Jesus was the only one who ever lived who could look others in the face and say, "Which of you convinceth me of sin." I wouldn't say that to my friends, much less to my enemies. But Jesus was absolutely pure, absolutely sinless. Light is come into the world. He was in the world, but He was not of the world. He was there to expose sin, but He was never contaminated by sin. So, when you think of Jesus as the light of the world, first thing I



want you to think about is His uncorruptible purity. Have you got that?

Now here's the second thing I want you to think about when you think about Jesus as the Light of the world, not only His purity, but His constancy. You see, there's one thing about light: light is constant. The first two verses here tell us that, John chapter 1 and verses 1 and 2, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." Now Jesus is God, and being God, He never changes. God cannot change. How could God change? He couldn't get better, and He surely won't get worse. He's God. He's absolutely unchangeable. He says, "I'm the Lord. I change not." And you see light is constant. Light does not change.

Let me give you a verse to put in your margin, James 1 verse 17. The Bible speaks of Jesus and God the Father as light that's unchanging. And it says, "Every good gift and every perfect gift comes down from above, from the Father of lights, in whom there is no variableness." What does that mean? There's no change.

Now, Einstein came up with the theory of relativity. And it's an, incredible thing. Few men other than Einstein and myself understand it, the theory of relativity.  $E=mc^2$ , that simply means that the energy of any given object equals its mass times the speed of light, squared. Doesn't that make perfect sense? Now E stands for energy in ergs, that's why they call it E. M stands for mass in grams. That's why it's called M. And C stands for the velocity of light in centimeters per second. Now what this all means is that a small amount of mass is able to produce a tremendous amount of energy that is, for example, in nuclear fission.

Now Einstein said this, and I want you to listen to it. He said the reason that he was able to construct and write down the theory of relativity is because there is one thing and one alone in the world that is constant and cannot change. It's the speed of light, the speed of light; 186,282 miles per second, he says that's constant. Everything else is relative. The only thing that is constant in our universe is light. And Jesus, in the spiritual realm, is the one constant. He is light, and He does not change.

Now, let me illustrate the constancy of light and relativity. If I get in my automobile out here on Interstate 40, and I'm driving at 50 miles an hour this way, and you're in your automobile, and you're driving at 50 miles this way, when we pass each other, the relative speed is what? One hundred miles an hour. That's relative speed. I'm going 50. You're going 50; that's the relative speed. Now, if I'm going 50, and you pull up along side of me, and you're going 60, then relatively to me you're going 10 miles an hour. That's your relative speed to my speed. You see, everything there is relative.

But now suppose I hijack a light beam, and I'm on a light beam. I've got that thing saddled, and so I'm traveling now at 186,282 miles per second. That's fast. That's around the world seven times in one second. I'm traveling that way. I am traveling at the speed of light. Now let's suppose you get a light beam, and you're going the opposite direction. You're traveling 186,282 miles a second. You're going this way, and I'm going that way. Fffft, we pass. How do we pass? We pass at the speed of light. Now, is the relative light, is the relative speed doubled? No, it's constant. You don't double that. It doesn't change. Relatively it's not twice 186,282 miles per second. The thing that changes then is



not speed but time.

You see, the faster you get to the speed of light, the more time slows down. And if you were to achieve the speed of light, time would stand still. Now think about it. One day we're going to achieve the speed of light. I mean God is light. Christ is light. One day we're going to be made just like the Lord Jesus. You know right now the Bible says in First Timothy 6 verse 16, "He dwells in light that no man can approach unto." But one day when we see Him, we'll be like Him. We'll be transformed into His perfect image, and for us time will stand still. We'll be in eternity. Time will stand still. We've gone from time to eternity, because we are like the Lord Jesus Christ. But think about those in Hell. For them time slows down. They're in darkness. Through the eons of the ages, endless, timeless, dateless, measureless, they're in Hell. And the Bible says they have no rest day nor night, those who are away from our Lord.

You see, He is constant. The speed of light is constant, and it tells us of the Lord Jesus not only because of the purity of that light, but the constancy of that light. Let me give you two verses. Malachi chapter 3 verse 6, "For I am the Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed." Let me give you another one; Hebrews 13 verse 8, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever." In a world of change isn't it wonderful there's one who will not change, and His name is Jesus. He's the Light of the world.

I heard a preacher preach awhile back, and he said something, just tickled me all over. He said, "You can't make God nervous." I love that. Oh there's no panic in Heaven. Friend, He does not change, and He sees the beginning from the end. We sing it, Brother Jim, "Great is Thy faithfulness, oh God my Father. There is no shadow of turning with Thee. Thou changest not; Thy compassions they fail not. Great is Thy faithfulness, oh Lord, unto me."

But I want you to think about a third thing about this light. I want you to think not only about the purity of it: Jesus Christ, absolutely pure, cannot be defiled. He can touch sin, but sin cannot touch Him. He can expose sin, but sin cannot defile Him. Think of the constancy of this light: He never changes. The third thing I want you to think about is, I'm so grateful that He is described as light, that little baby that was born. And that's not only the purity of that light and the constancy of that light, but the victory of that light.

Look if you will in John 1 verses 3 through 5, "All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life; and the life was the light of men." Now watch this verse, "And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not." Now what does that mean? Does it mean the darkness didn't understand the light? That's the way we would translate the darkness comprehended it, or that's what the normal meaning would be. But I looked this up in a number of different translations. And here are three that I want to share with you, "The darkness has not overcome it." Here's another, "The darkness cannot put it out." Here's another translation, "The darkness can never extinguish it." What he's talking about here is the victory of this light. All history, here's the history of a battle between light and darkness. That's what it's all about. Everything, there's a battle between light and darkness.

Satan, his name is Lucifer. It means light bearer. But Satan turned against God, and sinned



against the light, and now no longer is he the light bearer, Lucifer, the son of the morning. He is now become Satan, the father of the night. And there's a darkness, a dark, devilish, darkness that is at battle with the light.

I want to ask you a question. Who must win? As night follows day and day follows night, it is as clear as the light of the noonday sun, darkness has no power against light. Now you think about it. Darkness has absolutely no power against light. It is totally powerless against the light.

If you're in a dark room, and you want to get the darkness out, how would you get the darkness out? Could you take a vacuum cleaner and suck it out? Could you take a shovel and shovel it out? Could you take a broom and sweep it out? How would you get the darkness out of that room? Turn on the light. Now when you turn on the light, where does the darkness go? It flees. It goes under the bed. It goes in the closet. It goes out. It cannot stay. It is totally powerless against the light. Say, Amen. I want you to think about it. You say, "That's a simple thought." It's a glorious thought. The darkness can't put out the light. Light has come into the world. That's the whole thing.

You think of the sun, how bright the sun is, incredibly bright. I'm talking about the sun in the natural world, so powerful. The energy on the sun is indescribable. The sun radiates more energy in one second than man has used in the history of civilization or ever will use. Four million tons of hydrogen are destroyed every second in a nuclear explosion on the sun. Four million tons of nuclear bombs are going off every second on the sun. On the brightest moonlit night, the light of the moon is only one eight hundred thousandth as bright as an ordinary sunshiny day. To look into the face of the sun is to put your eyes out, but that's only a faint illustration of the Son of God and His brightness.

The Bible tells us in First Timothy chapter 6 verse 16, it speaks of our Lord, "Who only hath immortality, dwelling in light which no man can approach unto." We put a man on the moon; friend, we'll never put one on the sun. But that is only an illustration of the glory, the power of our great God. It's a victory of this light.

Now let me tell you something about this light. Every now and then in the natural world we say, "Well, the sun didn't shine today." That's a lie isn't it? You've ever ridden in an airplane, you know better than that. You kidding? An overcast, foggy, clammy, cold day and you get on that plane, and it bumps a little bit, and all of a sudden, poof. You know it's dazzling bright. Down beneath are all the clouds. The sun's been shining. And, friend, I want to tell you something. You can block out the light, but you can't put it out. I mean, there is victory, and rather than praying so much against the powers of darkness, what we need to be doing is realizing the power of light. What we need to be doing is to release the light of the Lord Jesus Christ and to bear witness of that light. Think of Jesus, the Light of the world. Think of His purity. Think of His constancy. Think of His victory. The darkness can't put out the light. Friend, you can walk in a room and turn on the light, but you cannot walk in one and turn on the darkness. The only thing that can let the darkness in is for the light to be blocked out.

Now here's a fourth thing I want you to notice about Jesus, the Light of the world. I hope this'll bless you as much as all this has blessed me when I studied it. But you think about His purity; He cannot be defiled. He can expose but He cannot be defiled. He's in the world but not of the world. Think about His constancy; He never changes. Think, friend, about His victory. The darkness can



never extinguish the light. And then think with me about His vitality. He is the one who gives life.

Now look, if you will here, in this same passage of scripture in John 1 verse 4, "In Him," that is in Jesus, in Bethlehem's Babe, "in Him was life; and the life was the light of men." That's the vitality of this light. Light and life are inextricably interwoven. You cannot have life unless you have light. When God wanted to bring light, or life, to a chaos and make it a cosmos, in Genesis 1 verse 3, He said, "Let there be light." And when the light came, the seas began to swarm with life. And the trees and the seeds began to bud and blossom and grow.

I've always loved natural science, and I can remember back in the fourth grade the first big word that I ever really locked in on, that enthralled me, when my teacher told me about it was a word photosynthesis. You remember studying that word? Photosynthesis. And the teacher told us there in that class, I was amazed. I was enthralled by it. She said, "The word photo means light, and synthesis means to put together." And she said, "Growing things are put together with light, photosynthesis." Now light causes these plants to produce chlorophyll, and how the whole life chain is built upon the sunlight.

If you were to take the sunlight away from this world, our world would become cold and dark and dead! It's like a man without Jesus: He's cold and dark and dead! When Jesus comes into the world, in Him was life and the life was the light of man! Oh, friend, that's the vitality of this life. You want your life put back together? It'll be put back together with light. There is a divine photosynthesis when the entrance of Thy word brings light and Jesus is the light. And your cold, dark, dead, clammy world will be put back together when the glorious light of the Son of God shines into your heart. Thank God there'll be a sunrise of the soul. And Jesus said in John 10:10, "I've come that you might have life, that you might have it abundantly." There's no life without light.

When Adam sinned, what happened when Adam sinned in the Garden of Eden? God was living in Adam, but when Adam sinned the Lord went out; and when the Lord went out the life went out; and when the life went out, the light went out. So when the Lord went out, he's depraved; and when the life went out he's dead; and when the light went out, he's darkened. But when you get saved, the Lord comes back in, turns the light on, the life begins again. Jesus is the light of the world. That little babe in Bethlehem turned the light on and gave us a place to land. Just give us one light. Well, God has my friend. He has.

Now there's one other thing I want you to see, and I'll be finished. I want you to think not only of the vitality of this light, but I want you to think now of the glory of this light, the glory of it. Look if you will in John 1 verse 14 now, "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."

Do you know what glory is? That's the out-shining of the light of His grace and truth. It's the Shekinah. It's the light of God that's in Jesus Christ. Oh, the glory of this light. Now we have lights in this building. This is artificial illumination. Thank God for it, but it can never match the purity of sunlight. How much greater is the purity of the light of the Lord Jesus?

Did you know that there is a spectrum? There are seven colors that comprise the spectrum of light. All light is made up of color. There're seven colors in the spectrum. And what do they remind



us of? Jesus the light of the world, who is what? Absolutely perfect. God is perfect. And so this light with seven colors, the spectrum, reminds us of the perfection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. But put all of those together, and the color is pure white, which speaks of the holiness of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Now, what we need to understand that color is in light. Objects don't have any color of themselves. The color is in the light. Did you know that? That anything that you wear, anything that you have, you say, "Well, this lady down here has on a red coat." No. She has a coat that picks up red out of the light. The color is not in the coat; the color is in the light. The most gorgeous bouquet in the world, if you take away the light, it has no color. There is no color. You don't turn on the light so you can see the color. The color is not there without the light. The color is in the light. Jesus is the one that makes everything glorious, and then He helps us to see what He's made glorious. And He is the glory of God. Friend, Christ is the one who gives glory and joy and victory. He's the one who makes this world beautiful in His time.

I feel sorry for people who've never seen the light. You don't know the beauties that I know. I don't know how to say what I'm about to say. It's not in my notes, but I'll tell you something, friend. If you don't know Jesus, I know something you don't know. And I see things you don't see, and they're wonderful. Now, you may be a Christian and not see them because you're in the twilight zone. I mean, you're walking in carnality. But, oh, if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another. And the blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanseth us from all sin. Oh, the glory of that light. Oh, the multifaceted splendors. He is everything in the spectrum put together, and He is the one that makes all things beautiful. The glory of that light; the light of the world is Jesus.

Now I'm finished, but let me say this. The sad thing is this: that many neglect or refuse that light. Look again in John 1 verses 9 through 12, "The true light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world." You want to be saved? He's there for you, friend. But notice this, "He was in the world. The world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not. He came unto His own, and His own received Him not. But as many as received Him, to them gave He the power to become the sons of God, even to them which believe on His name." Why does some men blot out the light? Why will not some people receive the Lord Jesus Christ?

Well, let me tell you something here. Turn with me to John chapter 3 for just a moment. Look in verse 16 to verse 20, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not have, should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved." God doesn't want you to go to Hell. If you go to Hell, you'll have to trample over the bloodstained cross of Jesus to get there. "He that believeth on Him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. And every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved." That's it.

You say, "Pastor, I just don't see it." That's right you don't see it, because you're blind. But a



blind man would be a foolish person to deny the light because he can't see it. And the reason that some can't see is they don't want to see. They can't find God for the same reason a thief can't find a policeman. If you want Him, I'm here to tell you, listen to me. Light is come into the world. Light was born in Bethlehem. His name is Jesus. He's the Light of the world. And I'll tell you right now, if you'll open your heart and receive Him as the Lord Jesus Christ, He will pull back the veil of darkness, pin it with a star of hope, and flood your world with the sunlight. And you will see things and know things that you could never know without Him. And He'll never leave you nor forsake you because He changes not.

Would you bow your heads in prayer? While heads are bowed and eyes are closed, if you want Jesus would you pray this way? "Lord Jesus, I need You. I'm tired of the darkness. I don't want to love darkness rather than light. I want the light. I want the truth. Come into my heart. Forgive my sin. Save me, and turn on the light in my heart. In Your name I pray, Amen."



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