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## Walk in the Light “Don’t be Overcome by Darkness”

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### JOHN 1:1-13

1. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
2. The same was in the beginning with God.
3. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.
4. In him **was life**; and **the life was the light of men**.
5. And the **light shineth in darkness**; and the **darkness comprehended it not**.
6. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.
7. The same came for a witness, to **bear witness of the Light**, that all men through him might believe.
8. **He was not that Light**, but was sent to **bear witness of that Light**.
9. **That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world**.
10. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.
11. He came unto his own, and his own received him not.
12. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:
13. Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

### Monologue

- If you look around, we are living in Dark time as was previously prophesied in the Bible
  - There is a spirit of homosexuality that has been released into the world
    - God is turning mankind over to a reprobate mind (Romans 1)
    - If you look at life and TV today, you should now begin to understand what it means to marry and to be given in marriage
- The question is how do we as Disciples of Jesus Christ respond to this mounting crisis of a world without God
  - The bible is slowly being pushed out of society
  - They pressure you not to bring it to work
  - They pressure you not to quote it
  - They pressure you not to believe it
  - If you try to explain there is a right and wrong according to the word of God, you are shunned and ridiculed
- There is a darkness lower in this world and you will need the light to see your way through it
  - We’ve already seen this once, let’s go there



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## THE CREATION

### GENESIS 1:1-10

1. In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.
2. And the **earth was without form**, and **void**; and **darkness was upon the face of the deep**. And the **Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters**.
3. And God said, **Let there be light**: and **there was light**.
4. And God saw the light, that it was good: and **God divided the light from the darkness**.
5. And God **called the light Day**, and the **darkness he called Night**. And the evening and the morning were the first day.
6. And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.
7. And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so.
8. And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.
9. And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so.
10. And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that it was good.

➤ In the beginning there was darkness, the earth was void, and without form, and God's spirit moved across the face of the waters

- The **FIRST THING THAT GOD CREATED WAS LIGHT**
- Light had been absent until God spoke it into existent
- God then divided from Light from darkness and called the Light day and the darkness night
- When you walk into a dark room, it is dark because there is an absence of Light
- As soon as you turn on the Light, the darkness goes away
- The light does not exist without God
- **So, as we take God away, eliminate his presence and word from this world, remove him, the world returns to it former state of darkness, chaos, and evil**
- **The same thing that happens in our lives when we choose to live without God or return to our former state prior to knowing God**

## LIVING BY EVERY WORD OF GOD

### ST MATTHEW 4:3-4

3. And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.
4. But he answered and said, It is written, **Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.**

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- How are you choosing to live your life?
  - In a world of darkness, men live by their flesh and emotions and they are selfish
  - In a world of light, one strives to live by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God
  - We are so easy to get caught up in this life and things easily offend us
  - But you can choose to live by the word of God
    - I don't seek houses, cars, fame
    - I don't care a lot about the latest and newest
    - I just want to be at peace with God, have love in my family, and do good to others along the way as I journey to heaven
    - You can be in love with this world, but this world is on its way to destruction
    - Kelvin didn't pen this, God did through his eternal word and written by his prophets and apostles

## SIGNS OF DARKNESS

### 1 JOHN 2:1-11

1. My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:
2. And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.
3. And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.
4. **He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments,** is a liar, and the truth is not in him.
5. But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.
6. **He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.**
7. Brethren, I write no new commandment unto you, but an old commandment which ye had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which ye have heard from the beginning.
8. Again, a new commandment I write unto you, which thing is true in him and in you: **because the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth.**
9. He that **saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now.**
10. He **that loveth his brother abideth in the light,** and there is none occasion of stumbling in him.
11. But **he that hateth his brother is in darkness,** and **walketh in darkness,** and **knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes.**

- We need to take a close look at whether we are living the word of God as we say
  - God is quite clear that if we HATE OUR BROTHER, WE ARE IN DARKNESS
  - God EXPECTS, DEMANDS, NO IT IS REQUIRED, that we walk in love if we are with him,
    - Think about this, how can you say you are with him, when he is LOVE, and your life is full of darkness



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- Can this really be true
- How can you say you love one person when you hurt them by being with someone else
- How can you say you love someone, and you abandon them when they need you most
- Love is unselfish, it does not seek her own but it seeks what is best for others
- GOD IS VERY DLEAR, IF WE HATE OUR BROTHER, WE ARE IN DARKNESS

## 1 JOHN 1:5-10

5. This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that **God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.**
6. **If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie,** and do not the truth:
7. But **if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another,** and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.
8. If we **say that we have no sin,** we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
9. **If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**
10. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

### ➤ UNDERSTAND THAT GOD IS LIGHT

- If we say that we have fellowship with him and walk in darkness, WE LIE
- If we walk in the light, we can have fellowship one with the other

## THE WORLD IS BLIND TO THE GOSPEL OF GOD

## 2 CORINTHIANS 4:1-6

1. Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not;
2. But have **renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully;** but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.
3. But if our **gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:**
4. In whom the **god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ,** who is the image of God, should shine unto them.
5. **For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord;** and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.
6. **For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.**

- ### ➤ I always teach ministers from this scripture when we are training, we generally come here first
- When one is called, God is entrusting them with the ministry of his Gospel
  - You can't just do it any kind of way and please God

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- If you walk in dishonesty, craftiness, deceitfulness, God will know and he will not approve or support that method of Ministry, matter of fact, he will not be in that ministry
  - It is important that we walk in Light (dishonesty, craftiness, deceitfulness reside in the realm of darkness) because we are trying to reach people in dark and they want be able to see us or our ministry or our words because there will be no light
  - However, when we walk in uprightness, we will be able to reach men because the light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ that is in us will cut through the darkness and reach unto them and un-blind their eyes allowing them to see Christ through us and our acts of LIGHT
- **We should not be preaching ourselves but we should be preaching JESUS CHRIST**
- We need to preach the Gospel which is the Good News regarding salvation that is only available through JESUS CHRIST

## PAUL'S MESSAGE TO KING AGRIPPA

### ACTS 26:13-18

13. At midday, O king, **I saw in the way a light from heaven, above the brightness of the sun, shining round about me and them which journeyed with me.**
14. And when we were all fallen to the earth, I heard a voice speaking unto me, and saying in the Hebrew tongue, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.
15. And I said, Who art thou, Lord? And he said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest. And I said, Who art thou, Lord? And he said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest.
16. But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee;
17. Delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee,
18. **To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.**
- Think about this, there appeared to Paul on the road to Damascus, a light that shone above the brightness of the Sun
- Image if you could see that Light of Jesus
  - Paul was transformed
  - Moses was transformed on the mountain
  - Elijah got an opportunity to see the glory of God on the top of the mountain
- Paul shares with King Agrippa the message the Jesus spoke to him in the vision on the road to Damascus
- Paul's mission was to turn people from light to Darkness
  - From the power of Satan to God
    - That need to be our message today, that people need to turn from Darkness to Light



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## Jesus Proclamations

(John 8:12 KJV) 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.**

(John 9:5 KJV) As long as I am in the world, **I am the light of the world.**

(John 12:35 KJV) Then Jesus said unto them, **Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth.**

(John 12:36 KJV) **While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light.**  
These things spake Jesus, and departed, and did hide himself from them.

(John 12:44 KJV) Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me.

(John 12:45 KJV) And he that seeth me seeth him that sent me.

(John 12:46 KJV) I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.

## LIGHT IN THE NEW CITY

### REVELATIONS 21:22-27

22. And I saw **no temple** therein: for the **Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.**

23. And the **city had no need of the sun**, neither of the moon, to shine in it: **for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.**

24. And the **nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it:** and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.

25. And the gates of it **shall not be shut at all by day:** for **there shall be no night there.**

26. And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it.

27. And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

### REVELATIONS 22:5

5. And **there shall be no night there;** and **they need no candle, neither light of the sun;** **for the Lord God giveth them light:** and **they shall reign for ever and ever.**

- God has prepared a place for us where we shall **never again have to experience darkness**
  - No more pain, no more tears, no more sin, no more depression



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## Conclusion

### ST JOHN 3:14-21

14. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, **even so must the Son of man be lifted up:**
15. That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.
16. **For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.**
17. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.
18. 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.
19. And **this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world,** and **men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.**
20. For **every one that doeth evil hateth the light,** **neither cometh to the light,** **lest his deeds should be reproved.**
21. But he that **doeth truth cometh to the light,** that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.
  - I need to prepare you for the future and for your destiny
    - The END IS COMING, it is already written
      - Don't get sucked into the darkness of life
      - Don't allow your flesh to pull you into destruction