

GOD IS LIGHT #2

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Life, light, and love are the three major attributes about God. The three scriptures that we want to tie together are **I John 1:5 "God is light"**; the second is where **Jesus says in John 8:11-12 "I am the light"**; and third in **Matt 5:14 "We are the light."** It's the same light, it's the same Spirit, and that makes us one in Christ Jesus. It is not a reflected light. You are the light of the world. We need to grow up in that understanding.

It sets you free when you realize that Christ and God in you by the Spirit, is the same light that was in Jesus Christ; the same light that spoke the worlds into existence. It's the same light that when God said, "**Let there be light,**" there was light. And then God divided the light from the darkness.

God created IN light and He called the light DAY, and the darkness He called NIGHT. Then He said, "**The evening and the morning were the first day**" (Gen 1:5). The scripture says the evening and the morning, and never says in the daytime.

The dark separated God's creative work. He created in the light; then there came an evening and the morning in which He did nothing. The next day, in the light, He created. God is not creating you in darkness; God is creating IN you in light. Your darkness is misunderstanding. It's the lack of understanding. It's disbelief. It's ignorance. God only creates IN light.

In the darkness the Lord created nothing. Everything He created, He created in light. The world was in darkness; it was void, without form. God said, "Let there be light and there was light." God wants us to believe it when He says to let something be in our lives, because when God says that it is there, it is there. We have to put away the old man and let the new man, the Christ man, be seen.

So we are as God is. We are as Jesus is. We are the same light and the same Spirit. The word "light" means to set on fire, to kindle, to consume, or to illuminate. We realize that when this was written there were no light bulbs. It was all fire. Everything that illuminated was by fire.

Heb 12:29 tells us that our God is a consuming fire. If you say, "I am the light," it means you are also a consuming fire. It means that inside of you there is a fire that will consume away the works of darkness. It means that God has put within you the power to consume away darkness. That means to bring understanding, to make known the things of God, to illuminate. We are to go preach the Kingdom of God - to make it known, to give understanding, to proclaim the Kingdom of God.

You are the light. Right now the only light that is in the world is the body of Christ. In that light there is the power of fire to kindle, to consume, and to illuminate. No wonder God said we have no excuse (**Rom 1:20**).

Let's go to Ps. **119:9-11**. In this Psalm David talks about the word of God over twenty-three times. He talks about the statutes and the commandments and the law of God; **they are all the word of the Lord**.

Ps. 119:9-11 Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to thy word. With my whole heart have I sought

thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments. Thy word have I hid in mine heart that I might not sin against thee.

When that light (which is the word of God, which is God, God is light) comes, and really begins to work in you, it puts darkness in the right perspective. Light makes manifest. David saw that in **Psalm 23:4**. He said, "*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death;*" not death, because when light comes it brings everything into its right perspective. It brings everything into its right place. Light in your life should put everything into the right perspective. Death has no more power over you. It is just a shadow of former things.

That's what he was saying, "*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.*" The light was in David's heart and the word was there. He hid it continually in His heart so when He walked through a situation it was only a shadow of it.

Jesus was made manifest in the fire when the three Hebrew men were thrown into the furnace (**Daniel 3:24-25**). God is saying to us that there is a consuming fire working in us. There is a consuming work of the light of the Holy Spirit in us. There is a consuming work of God in the word of God in us, and it's the light. That works IN you. It should also work OUT from you.

That's why the world really doesn't like you. It isn't that they have anything against you personally. It's just that they hate the one you love. They can't understand it. Wherever you are, they can't do whatever they want to do. The presence of that light makes darkness manifest. **John 3:18-20** says they loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

If you think that people are going to come into a church where the fire of God is, and sit and feel comfort-able, you are wrong. If there isn't enough fire in your church to convict sinners and cause men and women to get right with God, you need to repent and get right with God yourself. If you have to preach the word so watered down that it has no power, it has no fire, and it has no life, it's not going to do any good.

That light when it's preached, when it's taught, when it is brought forth in our everyday life, should have convicting power. God is Spirit and that light continues to operate whether you are in the Church or out of the Church.

I have some friends and relatives who really don't want to be around me anymore, because we don't have much in common to talk about. They just want to talk about the world and I want to talk about God. There is just no common ground. If you can find common ground it means you are lukewarm.

Light and darkness have nothing in common. I can't talk about anything that interests people except Jesus. If they are not interested in Jesus, I'm wasting time. It's all right with me because I have a family all over the universe, the family of God.

Just as Jesus said, "***I am the light of the world***", and just as John the Beloved bore witness when he said, "God is light," we can say "We are the light of the world" and quit apologizing for it. You didn't make yourself a son. You didn't make yourself a light. You didn't make yourself the salt of the earth. God made you that.

When He said, "Let there be light," it was the same God that spoke through Jesus and said, "***You are the light of the world.***" It isn't an option. It isn't whether you want to be or not; it's growing up into that light. As you grow up into that light you will find that IN Him there is no darkness at all (**1 John 1:5**).

That light begins to illuminate you and you find that things you once loved to do, you now hate; and the things you once hated you now begin to love. Why? Because one is in light and the other is in darkness.

Let's look at **Psalm 119:105**

Ps. 119:105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Then the word is light isn't it? God is light; the word is light. If you really want to grow up into the light, you have to have the word in you, continually filling yourself with the word of God until there is no darkness in you at all. Your spirit, your soul, your mind, your body should be filled with light. You are the light of the world. It isn't if you would like to be. It is a statement of fact.

You and I are responsible to give an account to God of what we did with that light. Don't worry if people do not understand you. Those who are in darkness cannot understand light. People who walk in light are a separate people. They are light, and there is darkness, and there is nothing in between unless you are a compromising Christian. If I want to walk in light, I'm going to walk in Christ. "***Thy word is a lamp (or candle) unto my feet and a light unto my path.***"

It's one thing to have Christ in you, that's the hope of glory (**Col 1:27**); but another thing is to be IN Christ. **2 Cor. 5:17** says, "***Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature...***"

What God came to do through Christ was to bring a common salvation to man. That would be Christ in the Gentile as in the Jew, and they would become one through Him. That would be their hope of salvation. But when you are in Christ, when you have put on Christ, when you have really let Christ become everything to you, not only is the light in you but you are walking in the light. You are going to find out that everything changes.

2 Cor. 5:17 ...old things are passed away; behold all things are become new.

You can't bind light and darkness together. They are two separate unions. One is a union unto the devil and flesh, and the other is a union unto God. God is light. Jesus said, "I am the light and you are the light."

1 John 1:7 If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another and the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin.

We cannot disconnect the word of God from God when the Bible says, "***Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.***" God is light. Jesus said, "***I am the light of the world.***"

John 1:14 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.

Jesus was the word made flesh. The word is still here in us and is saying, "***You are the light of the world.***"

You can preach all the gospel you want to, but if you are stumbling and staggering in your Christian walk, it doesn't have much influence on people. You can quote all the right scriptures, you can quote all the memory verses, but if your walk doesn't line up, it doesn't mean a whole lot to people.

Gal 5:16-18 This I say then, walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lusts of the flesh. For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would, But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

Your flesh will not be able to do what it wants to do if you walk in the Spirit. When you walk in the Spirit, you mortify the deeds of the body. Your flesh is still wanting to lust, still wanting to lie, and still wanting to do every-thing it has always wanted to do. But as you walk in the Spirit, walk in the light, and walk in the word of God, all you fulfill is the word of God.

You don't stand your flesh man up against the wall and shoot him; that's suicide. You just go ahead and start walking in the Spirit. You start walking in the light. You start walking in the Kingdom of God. That other stuff just falls away.

I'm not sin conscious anymore; I'm Christ conscious. I'm not ignorant of my flesh man's cunning devices. He wants me to concentrate in the natural. Whenever he tries to talk to you, you will recognize his darkness because it's not the voice of God. God said, "You have a new mind; begin to concentrate in the light."

So the Lord is saying that we are to walk in the light, we are to walk in the word, we are to walk in the Spirit. That is what God is. God is the word, He is light, He is life, He is love, He

is Spirit. He sent His only begotten Son and He walked in the Spirit, not fulfilling the lusts of the flesh.

It is a lot easier to do it after you get over in the Spirit. Just put it down. Say, "I reckon you to be dead." I have found it a lot of fun walking in the Spirit. I have enjoyed it for a number of years. You don't find yourself getting upset, you feel rested, you feel good and your Spirit is rejoicing. That word is in there and that word is health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones (**Prov. 3:8**). Glory to God! David said, "***Thy word is sweet...***" (**Ps. 119:103**).

God is saying to us, "I have ordered for you a way that is right, but you can't walk there in darkness; you must walk in light. You must walk in the light. All you have to do is recognize who you are, and then begin to turn it on inside of yourself by the power of My word."

It's finished, it's all there, it's all done, and we are saying, "It's all mine, it's mine, it's mine!" Then we're griping, murmuring, complaining and giving in to everything that comes along. The farther you walk into the Spirit, the more light is reflected in your life and your heart.

Through the power of the word of God it is brought to a real manifestation until you become the word and become the light. God is saying, "I need some fathers of the faith. I need some people that others can watch and see how they are having victory."

The Lord is simply saying, "Look what I have given you. I have given you the word and it's a lamp unto your feet and it's a light unto your path." **The source of that light is God; He is still the head of all things.** Jesus is the head of the church and we are the church; and we are the fullness of Him that filleth all in all (**Eph 1:19-23**).

If He is light then what should people see in us? **Light**, until there is no darkness at all. Jesus said, "***The prince of this world cometh and he hath nothing in Me.***" (**John 14:30**) There is no darkness where he can get hold of Me. I am in the Spirit; the Father and I are one."

Let's go to John **14:1-4**. These verses really changed my life.

John 14:1-3 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

"...That where I am" present tense" there you may be also."

John 14:4 And whither I go you know, and the way you know.

John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

"The way" was Jesus Christ. But there had to be a door, an entrance made back into the presence of God the Father so that the Holy Ghost could take up residence once again in the rightful place that God wanted Him to be in man. Not only on him, but in him.

Here the Lord was saying, "I am going to go prepare a place of entrance for you. I am going to go and open heaven back up to man again. Through my death, burial, and resurrection there is going to be a place made for you, that where I am you may be also." Where was He? He was with the Father, and the Father was with Him.

He said, *"I must go away for if I go not away the Comforter will not come (John 16:7). But I will send you the Comforter and He will come and abide with you forever. You know Him for He is with you but He shall be in you" (John 14:16-17).*

That is what Jesus was saying; that was the light of revelation. He wasn't talking to them about flying off some place to glory. He was talking about a relationship that they could have here right now. He would die, He would be buried, He would rise again and that place would be open to *"whosoever believeth"* (John 3:16). The way into the holy of holies would be rent, the veil would be torn open, and man could come into the presence of God through the blood of Jesus. He became the door back into the Father's presence. He said, "I prepare a place for you," and that place is light. That place is the word. That place is the way. That place is right where He is now.

He is in me and I am in Him. He is light; I am the same light. He is Spirit; I am the same Spirit. He is the way; I am the way. God did everything through Jesus. We are heirs, heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ. If so be that we suffer with Him, we shall also reign with Him." (Rom 8:17) He said that we are going to suffer a little persecution.

Jesus told His disciples, "Listen, you are not where I am, but I am going to make a way where you can be where I am. I am in the Father and the Father is in me while I am in this flesh body. I am just as much the Father as I will ever be. I was always with the Father and the Father has never left Me."

Get excited with me. He says to us, "I have prepared a place for you. I have made an entrance (a door) back into the presence of God that where I am you may be also."

He wasn't off in Heaven somewhere. He was standing right there talking to them. He was talking in the eternal language that every Christian ought to talk in - present tense. Those disciples were standing there and asking, "What is He talking about?" "Well, you know, we are going to fly away..."

No, no, He wasn't talking about that. He wasn't talking about the reward at the end of life. He was talking about a relationship **now** with the I AM. He was saying that the only way to be where the I AM was and is, is that you would have to come through the blood. And you are going to have to come out of darkness and out of all the unbelief; come into faith, come into light; come into life and come into love.

It's all there and it's all yours. We have been taught to wait, wait, wait. Someday bye and bye! So we don't do anything for God except what we can do in the flesh, and we fail God.

God is saying, "What are you trying to do? I have actually made a way for you, and it hasn't anything to do with your flesh man. Just surrender that thing to Me and move over. Let Me transform you and bring you over to the Kingdom of God and translate you out of the power of darkness. I've already done it for you; just come on over; begin to live in the Kingdom of light."

I don't know how you expect to do the same works and greater works unless you have the same power. That is what He was saying to these men. They knew something was about ready to happen but they weren't sure what it was.

"Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in Me."

You are going to realize what authority God has given you, where you really are in Christ, and where Christ really wants you to operate. It hasn't anything to do with your own abilities or your own natural merits. It is by the grace of God. It has been appropriated to you; it is yours.

"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

Where is He today? Let's look at **Eph 1:20; 2:6**

Eph 1:20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,

Eph 2:5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

Eph 2:6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:

Who did He quicken us together with? Where did He put us? In Heavenly places! Yes, on the right hand of the Father.

It's not a by and by thing. If you can't enjoy it now, what makes you think you have something to give to anybody else. The Kingdom of God is righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. You are representing that Kingdom so you should have righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost in your life.

There is none of that in darkness. It's all in light. God is saying to us today, just as He has said to these disciples and other men down through the centuries of time, that He wants to

have a relationship with us. He wants to have a fellowship with us, but we have to be where He is to have that fellowship. **He is Spirit.**

There is only one man in Heaven, the man Christ Jesus. God is Spirit and for me to fellowship with God and call Him Father, which I am supposed to be able to do, then I am going to have to do it by the Spirit.

The disciples had asked Jesus to teach them to pray. Up to that time they called Abraham the father and they were servants, they were friends. So Jesus taught them to pray this: "**Our Father...**" (Luke 11:1-2; Matt 6:9). We call this the Lord's Prayer, but it is really the disciple's prayer. The Lord's own prayer to the Father is **John 17th chapter.**

When Jesus came, He became a present strength to them. He became a revelation of God to them. He opened up the understanding of their mind (Luke 24:45). He said, "**Our Father!**" That ought to make a person shout. You see, before the cross they never prayed that way. Before the cross they couldn't even approach the throne of God. Before that time, only once a year, the high priest could come to the very Holy of Holies; but he had to have blood. He couldn't come without it.

But God has made a way right into the eternal "**I AM,**" to live and dwell with Him in the present, in the light. "Where I AM, you may be also. I've opened it to you. I have put My Spirit **upon** you. I want to put My Spirit **in** you. I want everything about you, spirit, soul and body, to be presented blameless in the day of the Lord (1 Cor. 1:8).

Ps. 119:105: "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path."

Ps. 119:130: "The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple."

It doesn't give the wisdom of this world because the wisdom of this world is foolishness in the sight of God (1 Cor. 3:19). Not many wise after this world are called (1 Cor. 1:26). God is reaching out to people who will say, "That is what it says. It's written; I believe it. I'm not going to argue with it, Lord."

I used to say to the Lord, "You know, Lord, you said it, I believe it, and that settles it." And the Lord said, "What are you saying?" "Lord, I am just saying what I heard others say and I think it's really true. You said it, I believe it, that settles it." God said, "You're wrong. Whether you believe it or not doesn't change it. **I said it and that settles it.**" If I believe it, it's beneficial to me. That's all it does; it doesn't change it. God's word is settled forever in Heaven (Ps. 119:89).

The Lord is saying to us that the entrance of that settled word, that established word is what we have to look at. The entrance is my will and my heart. I have to study to show myself approved unto God (2 Tim 2:15). I have to will to do the will of God. I have to discipline my life through the power of the Holy Spirit, to spend this time with God.

At first it was harder for me after going home and sitting down, to take time to turn the word of God on instead of turning the television on. But as I began to grow in the Lord, and that entrance began to really radiate in my mind and my heart and saturate me, I began to find out that I was decreasing. I was just fading away and getting tuned in. The light is always the same; you can't increase the light. It's the decreasing of self. The word of God does that to you. It builds faith in your heart. It gives health to your bones. It gives strength to your navel. It does all kinds of wonderful things.

But there has to be an entrance. **Ps. 119:130** doesn't say, "Thy words giveth light..." It says, "***The entrance of thy words giveth light...***" You have to minister an entrance through the desire in your heart. God doesn't stand around and shove it in you. God doesn't stand around and poke it into your ears. No, He said, "Hearken diligently" (**Is. 55:2**). Pay attention. Above everything else, listen. The word of God is life. The word of God is light. And He said the more that you let that light shine in your heart, the more able you are to walk in the Kingdom of God.

"The entrance of thy words giveth light." Not the entrance of men's doctrines, not the entrance of preaching of men's wisdom, not the entrance of the words of men, but "Thy words." The entrance, the coming into my heart, gives light and understanding. Illumination! It illuminates. You get understanding before you get knowledge. Wisdom is the principle thing, but with all your wisdom, get understanding (**Prov. 4:7**). God gives you counsel, God gives you some might, and then He puts in knowledge. He gives you the ability (might means ability) after He has counseled with you, and He gives you understanding to begin to let that knowledge filter into your life. We have to let the Holy Ghost breathe into us, don't we? All scripture is given by inspiration or in-breathing of the Holy Ghost (**Job 32:8; 2 Tim 3:16**). I can sit there in my carnal mind and take the word of God and apply it to everybody else. This would be good for my husband. This would be good for my wife. But what about being good for me first, and then let them see my understanding. Let them see the light that I am supposed to be.

I am going to have to get some of it in there to get any of it out of there. If I don't have but just a little bit, I am going to have to hold onto it. I am going to have to get people to pray for me, prayers like this stupid thing, "Pray that I will hang on to the end."

I heard a song awhile back on a gospel station, which made me want to throw the radio out of the car. "When you can't hold on any longer, just tie a knot in the end of the rope and hang on." **I am in His hands; He's hanging on to me.**

It isn't my faith that keeps me saved; it's His faith. It isn't my grace; it's His grace. It isn't my Kingdom; it's His Kingdom. It isn't my work that brought salvation; it was His work. It was His death, His burial, His resurrection that established all of this for me. **AMEN!**