

Jesus Said... "I am the light of the world"

John 8:12

When you enter a dark room and turn a light on, where does the darkness go? In the presence of light it vanishes. This is why Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life" (John 8:12). In the natural world we can have twilight. But in the spiritual world darkness and light are totally opposite.

The first four books of the New Testament contain the teachings of Jesus—telling His friends

and those who opposed Him who He was. He

used many different ways to show that He was

God in the flesh. In showing His hearers that He

was the anointed one of God, the Jews' Messiah,

and the Lord and Saviour of the whole world, He

often used natural things around Him as illustra-

tions. We have His parables of the Sower, the

Good Shepherd, the fish and the net, the vine and

the branches, and many more. When Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world," He was showing

that as the earth needs the natural sun, the people on the earth need the true spiritual light that only He can give.

Why did Jesus use light as an illustration to

show who He was? He did this because darkness

is characteristic of the sinful condition of the

world. Jesus said, "We (the Christians) know we

are of God, and the whole world lieth in wicked-

at all. If we say we have fellowship with him and walk in darkness, we lie and do not the truth: 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 cleanse us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:5-9).

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the sinner living in darkness does not know what the Light is. "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. 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" (II Corinthians 4:4, 6). Jesus offers Himself as the Light of the whole world. This light can never be extinguished, but it can be refused. Jesus is the Light of the world. He is available to all. He said in John 3:16, "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." As natural light provides energy and purity for the natural world, the Light of Jesus also provides spiritual energy and purity. "For in him we live and move and have our being" (Acts 17:28). Jesus, Light of the world, is the fullness of all true wisdom and knowledge. All true intellect and reason come from His light. James 1:5 says, "If any man lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not, and it shall be given him." Do you have the Light of Jesus shining in you? If you do, praise God! If you don't, why not? Jesus wants to be your light. You as an individual are so special to Him that He is calling you "out of darkness into his marvelous light." If you open your life to Jesus the Light, He will come in and save you from a life of sin and an eternity in hell. You must first realize that you are a sinner living in darkness away from God's plan for your life. Spiritual darkness is so dark and the spiritual light is so bright and wonderful; how can anyone refuse the light and remain in darkness? Someone may say he doesn't need the Light of Jesus to be saved. Some people think they will not go to hell if they don't take Jesus as their Saviour. "God is light, and in him is no darkness