

Expositional Preaching from the Authorized Version of the Holy Bible
Current Book: Genesis

2019 VISION: Rescue Station!
OUR JOYFUL PRIVILEGE: Caring for souls!

Scripture(s) for Today: Genesis 1:3-5 – Creation Day 1: Light; God divides the light from darkness

Today's Message: ***"The Light of the World!"*** a.k.a ***"Sin or Shine?"***

INTRODUCTION

Last week, we learned of the action of the Spirit of God. The 1st thing He is doing is moving. He is not content to sit idle while a world perishes! We too must move with Him. Today, we come to Day 1 of the creation of the heavens and the earth which are **NOW**. We will learn that God's priority for the 6 literal days of creation is **LIGHT**! He will not have to create the light. He will just LET His light shine. He commands His light to shine out of darkness. God will separate His light from darkness to prepare the way for new life. Consider that Jesus Christ said He was *the light of the world*; His bride is now! When we choose to **SIN** instead of shine God's light, we hinder God's *rescue operation* for the lost.

LEARNING TOGETHER

1. The Text Gen 1:3-5

- 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**.

➤ **Verse 3: GOD SAID "Let there be light: and there was light"**

- ✓ The word "light" is found 272 times in 235 verses in KJV.
- ✓ **1 John 1:5** says, "God is light, and in him is **no darkness at all**."
- ✓ **John 1:1-9** says Jesus Christ is "the true Light" ... "*which lighteth every man...*"
- ✓ In **John 8:12, 9:5**, and **12:46**, Jesus Christ said, "I am the light of the world."
- ✓ In **Revelation 21:23**, there will be no need for sun as "the Lamb is the light thereof."

NOTE God chose to **LET** His light shine in darkness. Jesus spoke; it was done! (*Ps 33:9*) This is the light of God shining into a world that perished to bring life: a new creation.

➤ **Verse 4: GOD SAW "the light, that is was good"**

- ✓ The phrase "God saw" is found 9 times in the Bible. God makes a point to note this.
- ✓ God sees what His creation does; the light gets His approval; the darkness does not.
- ✓ **Prov 15:3** – "The eyes of the LORD are in every place, beholding the evil and the good."

GOD DIVIDED *"God divided the light from the darkness"*

- ✓ A form of "divided" is found 136 times in 128 verses in the KJV.
- ✓ In **Genesis 1:6**, God will "**divide** the waters from the waters."
- ✓ In **Genesis 1:14**, God will "**divide** the day from the night."
- ✓ In **2 Timothy 2:15**, God commands us to "rightly **divide** the word of truth."

NOTE God's nature based on the Bible is that He **DIVIDES** more often than joins. He joins believers to Himself and each other, but He is a God of *separation*.

➤ **Verse 5:** **GOD CALLED** *"the light Day" and "the darkness he called Night"*

- ✓ In **2 Peter 3:8**, God says, "One day is with the Lord as **a thousand years**..."
- ✓ God chose to capitalize "**Day**" – not a typical day in the Bible; "**Night**" as a contrast.
- ✓ The "*evening and the morning*" will **ALWAYS** be **1** literal day (note: small "d").
- ✓ In **John 11:9**, Jesus said there are **12** "*hours in the day*"; night also has **12** hours.
- ✓ This will coincide with **the Jewish day** – 6PM to 6AM; 6AM to 6 PM; (vs. *Roman*)

2. The Lesson**Genesis Lesson 6:** *God separates His light from darkness to bring new life.*

A. The light of God would shine the way for new life; God divided His light from darkness.

How does God's light and dividing from the darkness apply to us?	The Bible teaches...
As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world – <i>John 9:5</i>	<i>Jesus was THE true Light</i>
Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid – <i>Mt 5:14</i>	<i>YOU are His light now!</i>
LET your light so shine before men , that they may see your good works – <i>Mt 5:16</i>	<i>LET your light so shine!</i>
And this is the condemnation , that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light , because their deeds were evil – <i>John 3:19</i>	<i>People are condemned ALREADY; love darkness</i>
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 ... should shine unto them – <i>2 Cor 4:4</i>	<i>Satan does not want the light to shine / to SAVE</i>
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 – <i>2 Cor 4:5-6</i>	<i>God gave us light in our hearts FOR JESUS' SAKE</i>
Darkness... but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light – <i>Eph 5:8</i>	<i>Walk AS children of light</i>
But ye are a chosen generation ... that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light – <i>1 Pet 2:9</i>	<i>Do not squander YOUR glorious PRIVILEGE</i>
And the light of a CANDLE shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the BRIDE shall be HEARD no more at all – <i>Rev 18:23;22:5</i>	<i>One day soon it will be TOO LATE for the world</i>

LEARNING When you **choose** to SIN instead of SHINE, you hinder God's rescue mission for souls!

Proverbs 18:21 – *Death and life are in the power of the tongue...*