

Witnesses of Light

John 1:1-14

Jn. 1:1-3 In the beginning was the Logos, and the Logos was with God, and the Logos was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

Jn. 1:14 And the Logos became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Jn. 1:4-5 In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

- The Light of Christ overcomes intellectual darkness
- The Light of Christ drives out moral darkness
- The Light of Christ dispels emotional darkness
- The Light of Christ casts out existential darkness

I. The Birth of Light

Jn. 1:4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men.

Jn. 1:9-10 The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him.

Jn. 1:11 He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.

Jn. 1:12-13 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

Jn. 3:3 Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."

Jn. 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Jn. 3:36 Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.

2 Cor. 4:6-7 For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us.

Jn. 6:35 Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and **whoever believes in me shall never thirst.**

Jn. 6:56 Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him.

Eph. 3:17-19 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith-- that you, being rooted and grounded in love,¹⁸ may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth,¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

II. The Authority of the Light

Jn. 1:12-13 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave **the right** to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

Col. 1:13-14 He has delivered us **from the domain of darkness** and **transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,**¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Acts 26:17-18 delivering you from your people and from the Gentiles-- to whom I am sending you¹⁸ to open their eyes, **so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God,** that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.'

The Authority of the Light of Christ

- The light of Christ has power over satanic lies.
- The light of Christ has power over sin.
- The light of Christ has power over emotional bondage.
- The light of Christ has power over inner confusion.

III. The Spread of the Light

Jn. 1:6-8 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.⁷ **He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light,** that all might believe through him.⁸ He was not the light, but **came to bear witness about the light.**

1 Pet. 2:9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, **that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.**

Receive the Light of Christ.
Delight in the Light of Christ.
Submit to the Light of Christ.
Be transformed by the Light of Christ.
Reflect the Light of Christ.