

# Christ – the True Light

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**John 1:9** The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.

**John 3:18-19** Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, **and people loved the darkness rather than the light** because their works were evil.

**John 8:12** Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, **'I am the light of the world.'** Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.'

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

**John 12:46** **I have come into the world as light,** so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness.

**Rev. 21:23-24** And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and **its lamp is the Lamb.** By its light will the nations walk...

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**Is. 5:20-21** Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, **who put darkness for light and light for darkness,** who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter! Woe to **those who are wise in their own eyes, and shrewd in their own sight!**

**Rom. 1:21-22** For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, **and their foolish hearts were darkened.** **Claiming to be wise, they became fools,**

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**2 Cor. 4:3-4** And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

**Ps. 36:10** For with you is the fountain of life; **in your light do we see light.**

## I. God's Light Illuminates Intellectual Darkness

**1 John 5:20** And we know that the Son of God has come and **has given us understanding**, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.

**Ps. 119:105** Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

**2 Pet. 1:19** And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention **as to a lamp shining in a dark place**, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

## II. God's Light Overcomes Moral Darkness

- **The Light Purifies**

**1 John 1:7** But **if we walk in the light, as he is in the light**, we have fellowship with one another, and **the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.**

*Walking in the light is walking in Christ.*

- **The Light Helps Us Stay Watchful**

**1 Thes. 5:5-6** For **you are all children of light**, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. **So then** let us not sleep, as others do, **but let us keep awake and be sober.**

**Eph. 5:8-9** For at one time you were darkness, but **now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light** for the fruit of light is found in all that is **good and right and true.**

### III. Light Illuminates Emotional Darkness

- **The Light of Christ Gives Us the Ability to Love**

**1 John 2:10-11** Whoever loves his brother abides in the light, and in him there is no cause for stumbling. But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

**1 John 4:16-18** So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. ... There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love.

- **The Light of Christ Fills the Heart with Gratitude and Joy**

**Col. 1:11-12** May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

- **The Light of Christ Gives Confidence and Hope**

**Ps. 27:1** The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**Rom. 8:38-39** For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### IV. God's Light Enlightens Existential Darkness

- **The Light Restores Our Fellowship with God**

**1 John 1:3-5** that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

- **The Light Brings God's Shalom into Our Lives**

**Num. 6:24-26** The LORD bless you and keep you; **the LORD make his face to shine upon you** and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you **and give you peace.**

- **The Light Leads Us to True Glory**

**Rev. 21:23** And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, **for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb.**

**Rev. 22:5** And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, **for the Lord God will be their light,** and they will reign forever and ever.

**2 Cor. 3:17-18** Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

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