

God's Perfect Light

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Colossians 1:13–14 (NASB) — 13 For He rescued 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.

In Christ we are taken out of darkness, and even greater, He takes the darkness out of us.
I would never want to return to the person I was without Christ.

At that time (I lived) separate from Christ... (I had) no hope and (I was) without God in the world.
Ephesians 2:12

What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of?
Those things result in death! *Romans 6:21*

God rescued me from the domain of darkness, and He placed me in the kingdom of His beloved Son.
Through the blood of His cross, I now have peace with God. *Colossians 1:20*

He calls us out of darkness and places us into His marvelous light. *1 Peter 2:9*

1 John 1:5–7 (NASB) — 5 This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all (He is perfect light). **6** If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; **7** but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

God is perfect light. To be in the light is to be in Him – to be in His presence, His domain.

In the light, there is peace with God, and peace because of God.

- There is perfect fellowship among all who walk in His light.
- All who dwell in His light are clean. Our sins are washed away by the blood of God's Son, our savior, Jesus Christ.

THE DARKNESS

The darkness is Satan's domain; a spiritual realm unseen but holds power over human affairs.

- Prince of the power of the air
- Spirit working through man's disobedience
- The god of this age who has blinded hearts from seeing and knowing God.
- Father of lies (no truth)
- A murderer (bitterness, hatred, malice, jealousy, envy, and resentment)

This is the spirit of darkness that fills one's heart with its blackness and murkiness.

Praise be to God who rescues us from the domain of darkness
and places us in the domain of His Son.

THE LIGHT

The light of the sunrise.

- Beautiful and majestic
- Dispels the darkness
- It offers the hope of another day

This is much like the light of God's Son when it rises within our hearts.

In His perfect light there is:

- Love – God’s love
 - His love is beautiful and majestic
 - His love dispels darkness - bitterness, hatred, malice, jealousy, envy, and resentment
- Peace / peace with God
 - Assurance of His presence
 - Dispels fear
 - Gives rest
- Hope
 - In Christ
 - Living hope that is eternal

SPIRITUAL PHOTOSYNTHESIS

Photosynthesis is the process of the plant world that is dependent on the sunlight. Plants and other living organisms convert the light into life-giving energy.

The life of our soul is dependent upon God’s perfect light.

John 1:4 (NASB) — In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men.

Spiritual Photosynthesis takes place through:

- Time in prayer (drawing near to God)
- Time in His word (God speaking)
- Time in His house
 - *“Where two or three are gathered together in My name.”*
 - *Psalm 84:4 “How blessed are those who dwell in Your house! They are ever praising You.”*
- Time In worship
 - *Psalm 95:2 “Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms.”*

Proverbs 18:10 (NKJV) — The name of the Lord is a strong tower; The righteous run to it and are safe.

Praise God for His perfect light.

Pray – spend time in **God’s word** (increase) – don’t fail to **assemble in God’s house** – let yourself go to God in the surrender of **worship!**