



Of the Light

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JOHN 1:1-5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.² He was in the beginning with God.³ All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him not even one thing came into being that has come into being.⁴ In Him was life, and the life was the Light of mankind.⁵ And the Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not grasp it.

MATTHEW 5:13-16

“You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by people.¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden;¹⁵ nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house.¹⁶ Your light must shine before people in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

QUOTE

“I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else.” – C.S. Lewis

JOHN 1:14-18

And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us; and we saw His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ John testified about Him and called out, saying, “This was He of whom I said, ‘He who is coming after me has proved to be my superior, because He existed before me.’” ¹⁶ For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace. ¹⁷ For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has seen God at any time; God the only Son, who is in the arms of the Father, He has explained Him.

HEBREWS 5:1-4

For every high priest taken from among men is appointed on behalf of people in things pertaining to God, in order to offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins; ² he can deal gently with the ignorant and misguided, since he himself also is clothed in weakness; ³ and because of it he is obligated to offer sacrifices for sins for himself, as well as for the people. ⁴ And no one takes the honor for himself, but receives it when he is called by God, just as Aaron also was.

HEBREWS 5:5-6

So too Christ did not glorify Himself in becoming a high priest, but it was He who said to Him, "YOU ARE MY SON, TODAY I HAVE FATHERED YOU";⁶ just as He also says in another passage, "YOU ARE A PRIEST FOREVER ACCORDING TO THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK."

GENESIS 14:17–24

Then after his return from the [fn]defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley).¹⁸ And Melchizedek the king of Salem brought out bread and wine; now he was a priest of God Most High.¹⁹ And he blessed him and said, "Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth;²⁰ And blessed be God Most High, Who has handed over your enemies to you." And he gave him a tenth of everything.

GENESIS 14:17–24

²¹ Then the king of Sodom said to Abram, “Give the people to me and take the possessions for yourself.” ²² But Abram said to the king of Sodom, “I have sworn to the LORD God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth, ²³ that I will not take a thread or a sandal strap or anything that is yours, so that you do not say, ‘I have made Abram rich.’ ²⁴ I will take nothing except what the young men have eaten, and the share of the men who went with me, Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre; let them take their share.”

DEFINITIONS

Melchizedek: King of Righteousness

Salem: Peace

HEBREWS 5:7-10

In the days of His humanity, He offered up both prayers and pleas with loud crying and tears to the One able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His devout behavior. ⁸ Although He was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered. ⁹ And having been perfected, He became the source of eternal salvation for all those who obey Him, ¹⁰ being designated by God as High Priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

HEBREWS 5:11-14

Concerning him we have much to say, and it is difficult to explain, since you have become poor listeners.¹² For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the actual words of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food.¹³ For everyone who partakes only of milk is unacquainted with the word of righteousness, for he is an infant.¹⁴ But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to distinguish between good and evil.

1 PETER 4:12-19

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though something strange were happening to you; ¹³ but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing, so that at the revelation of His glory you may also rejoice and be overjoyed. ¹⁴ If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory, and of God, rests upon you.

1 PETER 4:12-19

¹⁵ Make sure that none of you suffers as a murderer, or thief, or evildoer, or a troublesome meddler; ¹⁶ but if anyone suffers as a Christian, he is not to be ashamed, but is to glorify God in this name. ¹⁷ For it is time for judgment to begin with the household of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God?

1 PETER 4:12-19

¹⁸ AND IF IT IS WITH DIFFICULTY THAT THE RIGHTEOUS IS SAVED, WHAT WILL BECOME OF THE GODLESS MAN AND THE SINNER? ¹⁹ Therefore, those also who suffer according to the will of God are to entrust their souls to a faithful Creator in doing what is right.

QUOTE

If people don't like you because of Christ, that's OK; If people don't like Christ because of you, that's a problem.