



IMMANUEL

GOD WITH US

Immanuel Part 3

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The Gospel of Saint John chapter 1:1-18, ¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. ⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. ⁹The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming

into the world.” May the Lord add His Blessing to the Reading and the Hearing of His Word Today, in Jesus Name, Amen...

The Apostle John, in his Gospel, contends against the darkness by the writing his Gospel; John speaks a great deal about the Light coming into the world and it was this light, the Word, that was manifest from the beginning.

And it was this light that held the power to dispel darkness and restore a fallen humanity from the degradation of sin to the heights of holiness through Christ Jesus our Lord! And it is this light that I am here to testify of today! Thus point #1...

1. Our Immanuel came to Illuminate the Darkness of Our Hearts to Draw Us unto Repentance!

- a. The Gospel of Saint John 3:19-21, “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. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.”
- b. Christian! It is your duty to be a bearer of the Light and a testament of the Light that is found in Christ!

- c. The Light of Christ exposes deeds but it also expels darkness and in this darkened age in which we all are living, there is a demand of that Light to be bore witness of as well as demonstrated in the Earth! Church! The World needs what is inside of us!
- d. 1 Peter 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.”**
- e. Church family, we are a chosen people, a priesthood unto Christ, a holy church, a possession of Heaven and it is because of this that we proclaim His awesomeness because He has called us out of Darkness and into His Marvelous Light!
- f. We are called to shine our light in the midst of a generation that doesn't know Christ and shine as lights in the World around us! Church, it is time to arise and shine for our Light has Come through Christ!
- g. Remember, Our Immanuel came to Illuminate the Darkness of our Hearts to Draw us unto Repentance so may we collectively choose to shine bright the Light of Christ! Point #2...

2. Our Immanuel came to Empower us to Walk in the Light and not in Darkness!

- a. 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.”
- b. Church family, this light is not only for others; it is to ensure that the illumination of our souls dispels any darkness of sin that may seek to work itself into our hearts and minds.
- c. Serving Christ is a byproduct of walking in the Light of His Presence thus protecting us from losing our connection with Christ and with one another.
- d. The Gospel of Saint 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.”
- e. And dear friends, when we have this light that I speak of, we cannot hide what Christ has done in us nor should we seek to suppress it! The Light of Christ is the very Light of the World and that light is established to shine through us as His body! Be like the moon and reflect the Son!
- f. Remember, Our Immanuel came to Empower us to Walk in the Light and not in Darkness because we are called to be the Bearers of His Light in this present age! And in closing, Point #3...

3. Our Immanuel came to Inspire Us to let Our Light Shine in the World around Us!

- a. The Gospel of Saint Matthew 5:16, “In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”
- b. Friends, when we live for Christ and our lives demonstrate the Light of the Gospel, it brings Glory to the Father! Church, how we live, treat others, conduct ourselves, as well as how we speak matters. And if we are called to let our light shine before others, may we be willing to do so not for our own glory but rather to the Glory of God the Father!
- c. Hear the words of the Apostle Paul found in the Book of Ephesians 5:8, “For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light.”
- d. And may we all today commit to walk as children of light; to walk as those worthy of the holy calling of which we have all been called. I declare to you today the same words written by the Prophet Isaiah in Isaiah 60:1, “Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.”
- e. The Assembly West Monroe! It’s time to arise and shine, for our light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon us!

My little light / example of our lights collectively