

The Light of Life

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OUR PURPOSE: To be a community of believers where, no matter who you are, you can experience life change through Jesus Christ.

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—John 8:12 (ESV)

1. We Live SURROUNDED by Darkness

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
—Romans 3:23 (ESV)

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

—1 John 1:8 (ESV)

The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?

—Jeremiah 17:9 (ESV)

21 For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, 22 coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. 23 All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

—Mark 7:21-23 (ESV)

2. Darkness Dwells WITHIN Each of Us

15 For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate... 19 For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. 20 Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

—Romans 7:15,19-20 (ESV)

3. We are in Desperate Need of LIGHT

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4. Jesus is the LIGHT of the WORLD that Leads Us Out of the DARKNESS

3 His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. 4 Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

—2 Peter 1:3-4 (NIV)

7 Therefore do not become partners with them; 8 for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light 9 (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true)

—Ephesians 5:7-9 (ESV)