

ZOOM STUDY: IMPORTANT BIBLICAL SYMBOLS

LIGHT & DARKNESS

1.) Describe the layers of spiritual darkness that cover the earth.

Isaiah 60:2 “See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples.”

Isaiah 9:2 The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.

John 3:19-20 Men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed.

1 John 1:5 This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.

2.) What was God’s solution? How did Jesus bring light to the world?

Luke 2:32 “[Jesus is] a light for revelation for the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.”

John 1:9 The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world.

2 Corinthians 4:6 God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

2 Timothy 1:10 [This grace] has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Psalms 56:13 For you have delivered me from death and my feet from stumbling, that I may walk before God in the light of life.

Isaiah 53:11 After the suffering of his soul, he will see the light of life and be satisfied;

3.) On one occasion Jesus was enveloped in darkness. What message was God giving us?

Matthew 27:45-46 From the sixth hour until the ninth hour darkness came over all the land. About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “*Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?*”—which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

4.) A person might define darkness as a metaphor for being separated from the blessings of God. With this definition in mind, describe what Jesus is saying in the following passage.

Matthew 25:30 “Throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

5.) What is the relationship of Christians (“little Christs”) to Jesus the Light of the World?

John 8:12 [Jesus] said, “I am the light of the world.”

Matthew 5:14 “You [Christians] are the light of the world.”

6.) As those who have been enlightened by the gospel of Christ, what should be our new attitude towards the darkness (but not the people still trapped in the darkness)?

1 Thessalonians 5:5 You are all sons of the light and sons of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness.

Ephesians 5:8-11, 13-14 You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord. Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. ...Everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for it is light that makes everything visible. This is why it is said: “Wake up, O sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

7.) What are we looking forward to?

Revelation 21:23, 25 The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. ...On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there.

Closing Prayer: Jesus, Light of the World, illuminate us by the light of your Word. May the brightness of your grace shine in us and the rays of your truth issue forth in all we say and do so that many others may see the light of and experience the brightness of your forgiveness. Guide and keep us close to you for your mercy’s sake. Amen.