

I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

- Definition of Light – the absence of darkness
- First mention of Light in Scripture – Genesis 1:3
- Without light (sun) no life as we know it could exist.

John Chapter 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.”*

Jesus connects LIGHT with LIFE

- John 1: 4-5 – Jesus is the light that shines in the darkness of human understanding.
- John 1:7-9 – John the Baptist was “not” the light, but a “witness” to the light (as we are also).
- John 1:14-18 – through Jesus we receive grace and truth, and He explains to us the Father.

Light as Truth and Freedom

John 8: 31- 59

Vs 32 – you shall know the truth and the truth will set you free.

- Bondage
- Parentage – Abraham or Devil
- Calling Jesus illegitimate – born of fornication – Psalm 69 note.
- Satan’s character – murderer, liar, father of lies, no truth in him.
- Before Abraham was, ‘I AM’.

Sinners Response to the Light

- John 3:19-21 – light, darkness and evil

John 9 – Healing the man born blind.

Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?”^[c] ³⁶ He answered, “And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?” ³⁷ Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.” ³⁸ He said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him. ³⁹ Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.” ⁴⁰ Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, “Are we also blind?” ⁴¹ Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no guilt,^[d] but now that you say, ‘We see,’ your guilt remains.

Isaiah 42:6-7 – Jesus as a light to the nations

Isaiah 9:2 – people walked in darkness have seen a great light.

Isaiah 58:6-12 – obedience to God produces light.

Light and the Gospel and the Believer

- Matthew 5: 14-16 – Sermon on the Mount – you are the light of the world; shine.
- I John 1:5-7 – walk in the light.
- Ephesians 5:8-14 – children of the light.
- 2 Corinthians 4:1-6 – the Gospel is light.

God's Word as Light

- Psalm 119:105
- Psalm 119:130

2 Corinthians 11:15 – Satan disguises as an angel of light