

NO DARKNESS AT ALL

We sing the beautiful Hymn -- *"The whole world was lost in the darkness of sin -- the Light of the world is Jesus"* -- HOW TRUE!

Whether it is obvious to you or not, life without a proper relationship with God and Jesus Christ is DARKNESS! The Apostle Paul tells us, *"For you were once Darkness, but now (when you have Jesus in your life) you are Light in the world. Walk as children of Light"* (Ephesians 5:8).

There is a vast difference between Spiritual Darkness and Spiritual Light. To be in Spiritual Darkness is to be blinded to the Truth of God's Word -- not able to see Right from wrong -- or Truth from error.

The Apostle John records it this way, *"And this is the condemnation, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved Darkness rather than Light -- because their deeds were evil"* (John 3:19).

Jesus taught the Apostles before He was betrayed and crucified, *"A little while longer the Light is with you. Walk while you have the Light, lest Darkness overtake you -- he who walks in Darkness does not know where he is going. While you have the Light, believe in the Light, that you may become the Sons of Light"* (John 12:35,36).

Walk in Darkness without Jesus, or Live in the Light of Jesus! The contrast here is the life before conversion -- Darkness! And then life after coming right with Jesus -- Light! *"He has delivered us from the power of Darkness and translated us into the Kingdom of the Son of His Love"* (Colossians 1:13).

The Apostle Peter assures us, *"You are a Chosen Generation, a Royal Priesthood, a Holy Nation, His own Special People -- WHY? -- that you may proclaim the Praises of Him who Called you out of Darkness into His Marvelous Light"* (1 Peter 2:9).

Did you get that last line -- *"Him who Called you out of Darkness into His Marvelous Light."* God has always been Calling men and women to come to Him and receive New Life -- His Marvelous Light!

Here's another verse to open the very heart of God to us all, *"This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is Light and in Him is no Darkness at all"* (1 John 1:5).

If you are constantly walking in doubt and despair (Darkness) then you are not walking with God and you have no Victory in this life. On the other hand if you have a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ His Son and walking in His Light then you are walking in His Power -- and Victory is assured.

As I write this article I can look out the window and see God's hand at work in making all things beautiful - the clouds in the blue sky, the flowers in the garden, the grass and the trees, the birds flying in the sky and the chipmunks scurrying across the driveway -- open your heart and eyes to the Light of the world and have Victory in the Lord -- He made it all for us to enjoy!

"A New Commandment I write to you, which thing is True, in Him and in you, because the Darkness is passing away, and the True Light now shines" (1 John 2:8). Jesus is the Light of the world!

Open your heart to God -- allow Jesus Christ to bring His Light to your Life -- be assured of the Holy Spirit watching over you -- have Victory over Darkness.

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