***The Light***

In the beginning God created light

Genesis 1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. God saw that the light was good

The Bible often talks about light. It is used as a symbol for things that are good while darkness is used as a symbol for all that is evil. So, we find God, being all that is good, is the light. God then uses something that he created to help describe himself to us.

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

WE find that we, without fellowship with God, live in darkness

1 John 1:6-7 If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. 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.

Jesus then told us that he was the light of the world

John 8:12 … “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

..And he calls us out of darkness and in to the light

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

..And if we walk in the light we are to let our light shine so others can find their way to the light

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.

If we don’t walk in the light we are in Darkness

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So how do we walk in the light?

John 3:19-21… Light has come into the world, but people 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 their deeds will be exposed. But **whoever lives by the truth comes into the light,** so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

How do we find the light & the truth?

Psalm 119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. (We need to Read the bible)

John 14:6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. (We need to except Christ as our Lord and savior)

As followers of Christ, we need to turn darkness into light

Ephesians 5:8 For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light

Isaiah 42:16 And I will lead the blind in a way that they do not know, in paths that they have not known I will guide them. I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground. These are the things I do, and I do not forsake them.

“A small candle sitting in the sunlight at mid-day is hardly noticeable. If you back away even a few feet it will begin to blend in with the surroundings and the light of the sun will overcome it. It would seem insignificant, like there was nothing to be seen there. But if you were to look at that same candle in complete darkness, it would shine brightly for all to see.

As this world grows darker and darker, your light will shine brighter and brighter to those around you. For some people, YOU are the only light that they will ever see and God will use you to draw them to Himself – The source of all light. You may think that your light is only a small flicker, but to someone in total darkness, you may be the brightest and most welcoming sight they have ever seen. Then you will be able to carry the word of God, that sets people free from the darkness, to those in the dark.

We are to let our light shine:

Matthew 5:14-16 “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. 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.

**Interesting fact:** V762 is a star in the Cassiopeia constellation and it is the farthest star we can see with our naked eye. This star is 16,308 light years away or 958,68611 miles away and yet the darkness of space has not overcome it.

* Light overcomes darkness not the other way around

John 1:5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

*“Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that.” Martin Luther king. Jr.*

*“Look at how a single candle can both defy and define the darkness.” Anne Frank*

Something to think about: Darkness is always there until there is a light to overcome it. This world is always in the Dark and you may be the only light for someone to see and follow. So be sure to shine bright to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide their feet into the way of peace. (Luke 1:79)

God provides all the light we will ever need

Revelation 21:23 And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb.

Psalm 27:1 Of David. The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?