

The Light ALWAYS Wins ~ John 3:19-21

→Scripture Reading - John 3:19-21, 8:12

INTRODUCTION

Riddle- The more you have of this, the less you can see. **Darkness.**

Darkness does NOT Overpower Light ~ John 1:3-5

³ **ALL things** were created through Him, and apart from Him not one thing was created that has been created. ⁴ **Life** was IN Him, and that **Life was the LIGHT** of men. ⁵ That **LIGHT** shines in the darkness, yet the **darkness did not Overcome it.** (HCS)

John 1:5 (ESV) ...the darkness has not **OVERCOME** it.

John 1:5 (NLT) ...the darkness can never **EXTINGUISH** it.

→The **LIGHT** Shines into (Drives away the Darkness) **the Darkness cannot Stop the LIGHT**

The TRUE LIGHT has Come ~ John 1:6-13

⁶ There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe. ⁸ He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. ⁹ The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him.

>**The WORD came home but HE was NOT wanted**

11- Even in **His OWN land** and among **His OWN people**, He was **NOT accepted.** (NLT)

¹² Yet to **ALL who received him**, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God-
¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

The Response to the WORD...

- Jesus is **REJECTED** by His own
- Jesus is **RECEIVED** by those who Believe

IMPLICATION

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV) Therefore, if anyone is **IN Christ**, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

1 Corinthians 6:12 (NLT) You say, I am allowed to do anything - but NOT everything **is good for you.** And even though "I am allowed to do anything," **I must not become a slave to anything.**

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (NLT) Don't you realize that your body **is the temple** of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? **You do not belong to yourself,** ²⁰ for God **BOUGHT you** with a HIGH PRICE. So you must **honor God** with your body.

- 1- The Holy Spirit lives IN you
- 2- You do NOT have Ownership over yourself
- 3- You were **BOUGHT** and paid for
- 4- Live in a **WAY** that Honors God in your body

→Paid in **FULL** -

My sin oh the bliss of the glorious thought - my sin not in part but the whole
Is nailed to the cross an I bear it no more - praise the Lord praise the Lord O my soul
It s well with my soul - It is well, it is well with my soul

Men LOVE Darkness NOT Light ~ John 3:19-21

¹⁹ This is the verdict: **Light** has come into the world, but **men loved darkness** instead of **Light** because their deeds were evil. ²⁰ Everyone who **does evil hates** the **Light**, and will not come into the **Light** for fear that his deeds will be **exposed**. ²¹ But whoever **lives by the truth** comes into the **Light**, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God.”

It is not intellectual problems that keep people from **trusting Christ**; it is the moral and spiritual blindness that keeps them loving the darkness and hating the light. Wiersbe

Jesus IS the LIGHT of the World ~ John 8:12 and 9:1-5

^{8:12} When Jesus spoke again to the people, He said, “**I am the LIGHT of the world**. Whoever **follows ME** will **NEVER walk in darkness**, but will have the **LIGHT of life**.”

Isaiah 9:2, 6 (NIV) 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**...

...⁶ For to us a **child is born**, to us a **Son is given**, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Jesus is **THE Light**, not merely a light or **another** light among many lights. He is **the ONLY Light**, the **TRUE Light** for the whole world. Hobbs

John 9:5 (NIV) While **I AM** in the world, **I AM the Light** of the world.”

John 12:35–36 (NLT) ...**My LIGHT will shine for you just a little longer. Walk in the LIGHT while you can**, so the darkness will not overtake you. Those who walk in the darkness cannot see where they are going. ³⁶ **Put your trust in the LIGHT** while there is still time; then you will **become children of the LIGHT**.”

Jesus was challenging them to put their Faith in Him - so that they could become children of Light

Jesus, THE Light of the world, has entered into the darkness of evil, unbelief, sin, misery, death, and judgement; and this **darkness did NOT overcome Him**. When you **believe in Jesus**, you leave the defeated darkness and enter His victorious LIGHT. Hobbs

TAKE AWAY??

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Matthew 5:14-16 (NIV) **You are the light of the world**. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, **let Your Light SHINE before men**, that **they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven**.

1- Jesus said I Am the LIGHT of the world - follow me out of Darkness and Walk in they LIGHT

2- While I am in the world - I AM the Light of the world

3- You are the LIGHT of the World - Let Your Light Shine before men

→Light Always Wins John 1:5