

The Light Overcomes the Darkness

1) Genesis 1:1 – 5 NKJV

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was* on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. ⁴And God saw the light that *it was* good; and God divided the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day.

2) 1John 1:5

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.

- a. God spoke light into existence, but God is light. What does that mean?
- b. Where did the light come from, and what happened when God called the light Day?
- c. What is the darkness, and is there any darkness in God? Why?

3) John 1:1 – 9

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. ⁴In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name *was* John. ⁷This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light that all through him might believe. ⁸He was not that Light, but *was sent* to bear witness of that Light. ⁹That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world.

- a. Is the Word light?
- b. Why does God need a witness to the Light for people to believe?
- c. What does it mean to be the true Light? Why is that important?

4) John 1:14 – 18

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ John bore witness of Him and cried out, saying, “This was He of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me is preferred before me, for He was before me.’”

¹⁶ And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses, *but* grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared *Him*.

a. John bear witness of the Word made flesh and the Light so that we would behold His glory. What is Jesus’ glory?

b. What was Jesus full of and are grace and truth of the Light?

c. Have we received the fullness of God’s Light?

d. Was Jesus in the bosom of God the Father while on earth, and why did He have to declare Him to us?

e. Are sons and daughters of God in the bosom of the Father now?

5) Psalm 104:1 – 2

Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, You are very great: You are clothed with honor and majesty, ² Who cover *Yourself* with light as *with* a garment, Who stretch out the heavens like a curtain.

a. Why do we bless (praise) God, and if He clothes Himself with light is there a different light within Him?

6) Psalm 27:1 - 5

The Lord *is* my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord *is* the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? When the wicked came against me To eat up my flesh, My enemies and foes, They stumbled and fell. ³ Though an army may encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; Though war may rise against me, In this I *will be* confident.

⁴ One *thing* I have desired of the Lord, That will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord All the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the Lord, And to inquire in His temple. ⁵ For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion; In the secret place of His tabernacle He shall hide me; He shall set me high upon a rock.

a. The Lord is my light. What does that mean?

b. What was the one thing that the psalmist wanted from God, and what did he do about it?

7) Psalm 119:130

The entrance of Your words gives light; It gives understanding to the simple.

a. What does the entrance (speaking and receiving) of God's Word do for us?

8) Revelation 21:10 – 11, 22 - 24

And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, ¹¹ having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal.

But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. ²³ The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb *is* its light. ²⁴ And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it

a. What is and always will be the light in the kingdom of God?