

**"IN THE LIGHT OF THE WORD"
A Bible Study Booklet**

*Sons
of
Light*

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“Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.”

1 Thessalonians 5:5

SONS OF LIGHT

Most of the epistles begin with theology and continue into the practical walk of the believer in relationship to the word previously written. A good illustration is found in the book of the Ephesians, where it begins with our sitting in heavenly places in Christ Jesus, continues into the union, fellowship and edification of the believers and ends with spiritual warfare. It is our walk in the knowledge of God!

We find a warning for all of us in Ephesians 5:7, “. . .do not be partakers with them.” This verse is referring to the walk of the believers among those who live in fornication, filthiness, covetousness and in all unruliness. For we have believed in Christ through his Word, and in His blood we have been separated from the kingdom of darkness into His Kingdom of Light (Colossians 1:12-14). We were once darkness (lack of light) by our Adamic nature, now we are light by our divine nature given to us in Christ Jesus (vs.8).

Our walk will determine our nature...

When we were newborn babies, we were under the light of other brethren. They would carry us, for our legs were too weak to hold us; they would fight for us against the wiles of the devil; and they would lead us into the pure milk of the Word for our growth. There was never a demand upon us, just loving care. God has called each one of us, his children, to grow and to mature in the knowledge of Him, that in so doing we may give glory to His name! He has made provision in His body through the ministries and gifts for this purpose (read Ephesians 4; 1 Corinthians 12).

”But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.” (Matthew 24:37-39; Genesis 6:8-9).

Noah, just like us, was called by God by pure grace. He was a man of honor and sincerity among his generation; he walked with God (we

note the word “with”, beside Him). The walk of the believer is neither behind nor ahead, but with Him. God did not walk with Noah, but Noah walked with God, under His authority co-working with Him, tending to His voice that was contrary to all the other voices surrounding him. While the world around him was given to its pleasures (a great economy), he was building the ark of salvation. Little did the world know what a short time it had, even Noah was not aware of the magnitude of the event that was about to take place, for it had never rained before. He only walked with God, obeying His voice as he gave himself to the work. The Lord wants His church doing so at His coming.

The church has the true discernment of the times because of the Holy Spirit that guides it into all truth. She cannot be guided by what the world dictates, nor walk in its counsel, for the world is under darkness without the spirit of the true God. We find in the book of Zechariah 6:13 where it speaks of the Branch (Christ) who will build the house of God, having a priesthood. The church is that priesthood called to work with Him as a wife is alongside her husband in commitment to him.

Separate the light from darkness...

We should not be surprised at the numerous times the word “separation” is quoted by God in the Bible. The Hebrew people were exhorted not to mix, or enter into alliance with other nations, to keep themselves from contamination with their religious practices and pagan customs (Deuteronomy 18:14). Throughout the New Testament we find the emphasis in separation from the works of darkness (manifested in the flesh), by not participating in them, keeping ourselves pure, for His purposes. God has sanctified us, in Christ Jesus, so that we may walk in holiness. (1 Corinthians 1:30; 1 Peter 1:14-17).

Beginning with Genesis 1:1-5 we note the Word declaring His manifestation, “Let there be light”. Then He “divided (separated) the light from the darkness.” This Light is not a created light, it always existed, but a manifestation in the world. This Light is Jesus Christ, the image of the invisible true God, who was at the beginning with God and is God. He was with Adam in the garden; and in many types and shadows in the Old Testament, like the light from His Glory over the tabernacle, which tabernacle speaks of the

blood covenant with Israel, showing that which was to come. He is Melchizedek (our priesthood) who took out “bread and wine” to fellowship with Abraham. (Genesis 14:18; and there are many more types, and a sea of hidden shadows not yet seen waiting to be revealed to us by His Holy Spirit).

It establishes what was written by the Apostle John:

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it...That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him.” (John 1:1-10)

As the father of creation, on the fourth day He also created the lights in the firmament, the sun and the stars to light the earth. (Genesis 1:14-19).

God closed the way to the Tree of Life..

All human beings were created to have communion with God. God provided in the garden The Tree of Life, who is Christ, for the spirit of men. As a result of men having participated of the forbidden tree, “the tree of knowledge of good and evil”, in place of the Spirit of God, men acquired a different spirit, which is the spirit that operates in the world today. It is the spirit of the antichrist, which is fruit of that forbidden tree. The result was separation, men were not able, in that condition, to participate of the Tree of Life and live forever. God closed the “way” to the Tree of Life and men died (Genesis 3:22-24).

He became the Way for us...

Jesus, (the **Way**, the Truth and the Life), opened the Way for us by his blood shed on the cross; there, as He took upon himself our sinful nature, He cried, “My God, My God, why have you forsaken Me?” He partook of our separation from God as He became sin for us (2 Corinthians 5:21), thus satisfying His own righteousness. ¡Oh, what glorious sacrifice! Jesus’ pain in Gethsemane was not the physical, but the

spiritual separation from His holiness. His own sacrifice not only restored our communion with Him, but gave us a greater position before Him, from creatures to sons, whose spirit cries within us, “Abba, Father!” (John 14:6; Galatians 4:6-7).

We are now sons of light! ”...the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining.” (1 John 2:8).

That which is “true” has already come to us, and is not far from us, it is in our hearts.

”For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.”
(2 Corinthians 4:6-7).

The true light lightens our being by giving us the knowledge of the glory of God. Christ in you the hope of glory! (Colossians 1:27).

It is through this knowledge in the power of the Holy Spirit that we can resist the works of darkness, in and surrounding us, that are

under the prince of this world. The Light has allowed us not to stumble in darkness. Without Christ, it would be impossible to be truly free!

That is why Jesus said...

“I have come as a light into the world, that whosoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness. You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Let your light (knowledge) so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.” (John 12:46; Matthew 5:14,16).

Amen.

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