



Jesus is the Light of the World (part 1)

John 8



Lost in the Dark

- Have you ever felt like you have no idea where you are going?
- Or you have no idea where life takes you?
- You may feel like you are walking in the dark, no sure about your direction or destination...
- You may not even sure if you are going to heaven or not...
- Don't you think you need some **LIGHT**?

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- Christ as the “**Light**” in the OT (Isa. 9:2; 60:1-3)
 - Light is the very **nature** of God (1 John 1:5; Isa. 60:19; Psalm 27:1; 36:9) in Him there is no **darkness** (John 1:4) or **shadow** (James 1:17)
 - Note: Light and darkness was **separated** from the beginning (Gen. 1:4)
 - Darkness and **death** go hand in hand together in the Scripture (Psalm 107:10, 14; Matt. 8:12; 22:13)
 - Since it is **sin** that bring forth death (James 1:15), and it is **light** which cast out darkness (John 1:4) where Jesus (light) is, He cast out **darkness** (sin), spiritually speaking
 - Therefore, where there is no Jesus, there is darkness

Turn Away from Darkness (Acts 26:18)

- How do we have the **Light of Life** in us? (8:12)
- First, we must turn away from darkness (v.11)
- Many people may choose to **hate evils** (others) in order to ignore the evil that is in them (v.4-6)
- Jesus clearly saw through their “testing” (v.6)
- It is not that sin should not be punished in this age, rather **hypocrisy** must not be ignored
- Are we **honest** with the sin that is in us?

We Must Receive Him (8:31-32)

- Second, we must **receive** Jesus & His **testimony** as the truth (John 1:12)
- Both **God** and the **Scripture** testify Jesus as the Light of the World (8:24, 28-32)
- (read 1 John 5:9-13) Do you think Jesus is a **liar**?
- Do you **know** that you have eternal life? Sure?
- Our faith must be on Jesus—on who He is & what He says. No one need to guess if he is going to heaven or not (or your faith is on something else)



Follow the Light (Col. 1:12-14)

- Finally, this require us to **follow** Him (v.12)
- Following means **looking** (ill: our dog)
- Moreover, the act to follow is the action of faith
- (Psalm 119:105) Jesus is **Light**, and His **word** is our **lamp** (see John 8:31-32). All we need is to **follow**
- What are you paying attention to?
- This is a **choice** that we must make today (1 Thes. 5:5; Col. 1:12-14)





- What is the **blessing** of following Jesus?—the **Light of Life** in us
- (Pro 4:19) we will no longer **stumble** (2 Peter 1:10) because we know where we are going—Jesus
- (1 John 2:9-11; Psa. 112:4) we can **shine** and **be a blessings** to others (1 Jo. 1:5-7)
- Let us **choose** to follow Jesus, to go forth and shine brighter and brighter from this day onward (Prov. 4:18; Phil. 2:15). The **choice** is yours