

Let There Be Light

In the beginning of creation God said, *“Let there be light, and there was light”* (Genesis 1:3). In a new spiritual creation God again speaks in the person of His Son, Jesus Christ, dispelling spiritual darkness. The apostle Paul wrote of this in 2 Corinthians 4:6: *“For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, has shined in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.”*

During the second World War, a song of hope, sung countless times was, “When the Lights Go On Again All Over the World.” With the threat of an air raid under the cover of darkness, city lights which would give bombers a target would be turned off. When the threat of air raids was no more, lights did eventually come on again, bringing great joy. No longer under threat, blackouts became a thing of the past as cities were once again transformed by light.

In the Bible, darkness is seen as a symbol of evil and spiritual ignorance. The central message of the Bible is that God sent His Son, who declared, *“I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life”* (John 8:12). One who would refuse Christ is said to *“walk in darkness, knowing not where he is going”* (John 12:35). Those in Christ, however, are *“light in the Lord”*, and, as such, are urged to *“walk as children of light”* (Ephesians 5:8). Satan will do all he can to eclipse the light of Christ *“lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them”* 2 Corinthians 4:4). In no way are we told to negotiate with the powers of darkness, compromising the light of truth, but rather to *“wrestle against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places”* (Ephesians 6:12).

Friend, has Christ, through the gospel, spoken light into being in your heart? Acceptance of Christ, the “light of life” in faith and obedience to Him in repentance and baptism into Christ, will deliver you from *“the power of darkness”* and into *“the kingdom of (God’s) dear Son”* (Colossians 1:13; cf. Acts 2:38-39). Let nothing shield your eyes from the light of Jesus Christ, but look upon *“the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ”* (2 Cor. 4:6b).

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