

“The Light of the World; Shining for God”

Who is This Light and what is the purpose of This Light?

Luke 2:25-35 (Key on v 32)

John 1:1-13 (Key on vs. 4, 7)

Light: Jesus is said to be the *Light of men* (John 1:4) and the *Light of the world* (John 8:12; 9:5; 12:46). It is possible for the Light, Jesus Himself, to be *in men* (John 11:10; Col. 1:27) and for men to become children of Light.

Apparently, Jesus used the word *light* often. John uses the word about twenty-one (21) times. What is meant by calling Jesus the Light?

1. Jesus, the Light, **is light by nature.** Light is what He is within Himself, within His being, His nature, His essence, His character. Scripture says...

- that “God is Light” 1 John 1:5;
- that Jesus is “the image of the invisible God” Col. 1:15;
- therefore, “Jesus is Light.” He is “the Light of the world.”

2. Jesus, the Light, **tells us that He is holy, righteous, and pure.** Light is the symbol of purity and holiness. Light means the absence of darkness and blindness; it has no spots of darkness or blackness, nor of sin and shame.

3. Jesus, the Light, **reveals.** His light shows clearly the nature, the meaning, and the destiny of all things. His light shines in, spots, opens up, identifies, illuminates, and shows things as they really are. The light of Jesus Christ shows the truth about the world and man and God. The light of Jesus Christ reveals that He loves and cares for man and wants man to love and care for Him.

4. Jesus, the Light, **guides.** His light allows a man to walk out of darkness. Man no longer has to grope, grasp, and stumble about trying to find his way through life. The path of life can now be clearly seen.

5. Jesus, the Light, **does away with darkness and with chaos.** His light wipes out, strips away, and erases the darkness. The empty chaos of creation was given order (made right) by the light given by God (Gen. 1:3). Jesus Christ is the Light that can save man from chaos (John 10:10; 14:1, 17; 12:46; 16:33; 2 Peter 3:9).

The passing of the torch. Matthew 5:14-16
John 9:5
1 John 1:7

Words of warning to those who have not received The Light. John 12:35-36, 46, 32
Proverbs 13:9; 24:20