

THE BRIGHT COMPASS TO ETERNITY



INTRODUCTION: “ But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him **who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.**”(1 Peter 2:9)

A chosen generation, you must know, is a holy

nation. And its holy **because it no longer dwells in the darkness from which it was called.** Thus, it's not a mere profession of faith that makes people holy. It is rather their response to the light of truth revealed to them.

Since there are many who claim to be Christians, it's important to understand what it really means to be a Christian, lest we keep deceiving ourselves and misleading others. The Lord of truth doesn't delight in iniquity (Ps 5:4-5), therefore anyone who delights in it disconnects himself from the Creator. Let's start by looking at

Light and Its Nature

Light, you know, is a form of electromagnetic radiation that can be detected by the human eye. **Without light, you can't see anything. It is because of light that we are able to do different daily activities.** Light travels at a very high speed,

and it travels in a straight line. Light can also undergo reflection and refraction.

The Source Of Light.

He who declared by Himself at the beginning that, **“Let there be light, and there was light.”**(Genesis 1:3) is the source of all Light. He’s the one who **“commanded light to shine out of darkness..”**(2 Cor 4:6). He made the Sun, moon and stars (Genesis 1:14-19) to provide physical light on the earth so that physical life can be sustained. The light of the sun, being created on the fourth day, cannot possibly be the same light created on the first day, but it’s just part of it serving a specific purpose.

If all sunlight disappeared, life on earth would undergo a rapid and catastrophic collapse because sunlight is the primary energy source for almost all ecosystems. Plants need light for photosynthesis, thus without sunlight they would die, including

most humans. **Vitamin D**, which promotes Calcium and Phosphorus absorption, maintains healthy bones, supports immune function, **cannot be synthesized without sunlight. Shouldn't we be grateful, then, that God has given us sunlight to sustain earthly life, and that it's all for free?**

Not only is God the owner or source of physical light, **but he's also the source of Spiritual light.** As Physical light dispels physical darkness so that we can physically see, **so Spiritual light dispels spiritual darkness so that we can spiritually see.** None can live without both phases of light, you see. **Only those who are scared of having their evil deeds exposed are scared of coming to the light of truth** (John 3:20,21).

And since now the **“whole world lies in wickedness”**(1 John 5:19) and therefore filled with total darkness , how important it is for us to brighten our hearts with the light of Christ so that we can escape the clutches of the devil!!

The Light of the World.

“Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, ‘**I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.**’”(John 8:12-13).

No one but Christ has ever claimed to be the light(see also John 9:5), yes even the light of the whole world. Interestingly enough, the Holy Writ records that, “**In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.**” and that this “**True light**” shines in darkness.(John 1:4-5,9). Notice that Christ, in becoming the light of the world, **became the life of the world**. As the sunlight physically lightens one’s path while simultaneously **sustaining natural life**, so Christ lightens one’s spiritual journey path while simultaneously **sustaining spiritual life**.

Now Since the Lord in heaven dwells in “**unapproachable light.**”(1 Tim 6:16), and that

He's the "**light and in him is no darkness at all.**"(1 John 1:5), and since Christ himself claimed to be the **only way** to the Father (John 14:6, compare with Acts 4:12), then none can escape the conclusion that the reason **He came into this world was to lighten the path of every one to the Father in whose hands is eternity, and whoever fails to jump on this lightened journey can by no means find the way to the Father and obtain life everlasting.**

Manifestly, then, those who try to find their own way to Salvation, or try to define Christianity according to their own thoughts, will certainly fall into a ditch, and cast into outer darkness, there to weep and gnash their teeth.

You Are The Light Of The World.

"You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand,

and it gives light to all who are in the house. **Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.**”(Matthew 5:14-16)

If Christ is the light of the World, how are his people also the light of the world? Obviously it's because by believing in Christ and walking in his footsteps, they become possessed with the same **“light of life.”**(John 8:12).

Their lives are in harmony with the life of Christ, otherwise they can't be the light of the world. They are serious about what they do, for they know that they are on their way to eternity. They see the light because they walk in the day, that's why they don't fall (John 11:9).

These people always heed the invitation: **“Abide in me.”**(John 15:4). They never want to live their life apart from Christ. The words, **“He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.”** (1 John 2:6) are always on their mind. They've made Christ's life their own.

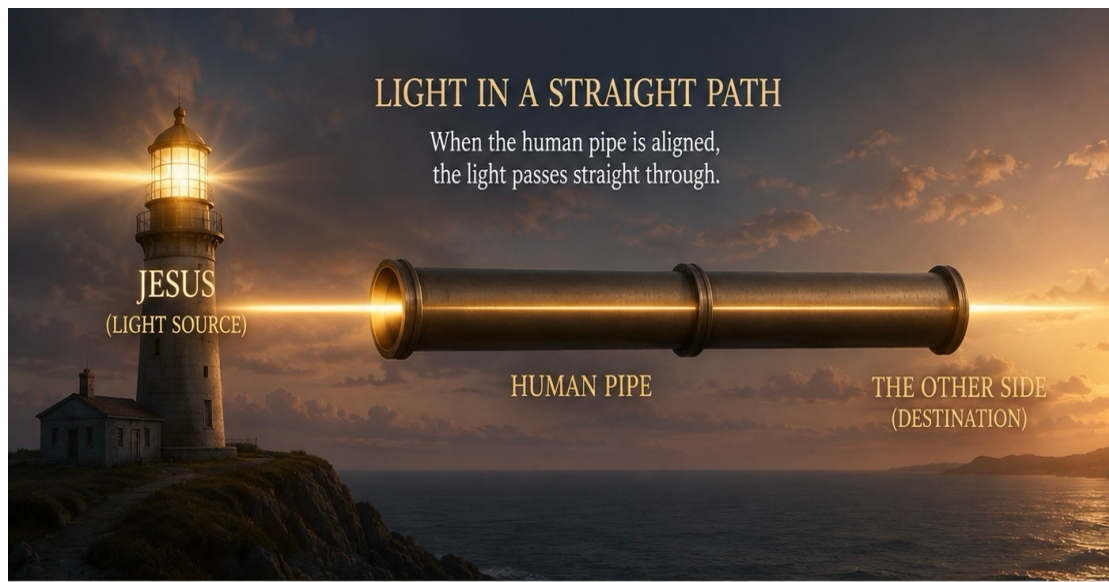
Human Instrumentalities

“And **if by these things you are not reformed by Me, but walk contrary to Me,** then I also will walk contrary to you, and I will punish you yet seven times for your sins.”(Leviticus 26:23-24)

This scripture shows how the Lord is going to give up his people if they give up on Him. By following human fleshly desires, people disconnect themselves from Christ, and the only way to be reconciled back is if they reform and continue not to live contrary to the light.

Jesus is the source of light, and he requires total commitment from His people in their speech, preaching and general conduct. He wants His people to walk(behave) with Him and not against Him. If they walk with him, they will be perfect channels of His light to the world that is ready to

perish.



Notice that the life of the one who's the light of the world must be 100% in harmony with the light of Christ. Indeed the Human Pipe must channel the light just as it is in Jesus. In Speech, conduct and preaching, the character of Christ must be revealed unmixed with human ideologies. The Lord accepts no partial obedience. As light is being sourced from Him, Christ not only expects His people to behave according to His light, but also that their teachings, "In doctrine showing integrity, reverence, incorruptibility." (Titus 2:7, compare with Matthew 28:18-20).



Now what will happen to the light from the Divine Source if the human pipe is tilted slightly upwards? Of course it will refract, because that's how light behaves. At this point, when an individual behaves and speaks contrary to the light, **their light is no longer truly from God**. They begin to shine their own light which is rooted in their thoughts and feelings. Most Teachers, Prophets and Pastors speak their own ideas and not the truth as it is in Jesus. And Christians generally deny the light in their conduct.

And since it is Satan's objective to **“deceive the whole world.”**(Rev 12:9), then he tirelessly tries to make people disobey God even in very small matters. **If people can be led to tilt their human pipe even by 1 degree**, he's fine with it. Some are led to tilt it to 45 degrees or even 90 degrees, and if the prince of darkness can cause us to tilt this pipe to 180 degrees, **he will completely take us away from the Word of God.** It is imperative, therefore, to watch your steps, brother, sister.

And since the Lord **urges His people to be reconciled to Him, then those who are willing will bring that tilted human pipe down, so that they once again become 100% in harmony with the heavenly light of truth. This is reformation, this is repentance, brother, sister.**

And the fact that the natural heart doesn't delight in righteousness (Romans 8:7) can be seen clearly from history: **Adam tilted his pipe from the Light and fell**, the very reason we all suffer. **While Abel**

remained 100% in harmony with the light(Hebrews 11:4), Cain couldn't remain in it (that is, he sort his own way and tilted the pipe), for he was "of that wicked one"(1 John 3:12) who has never stood in truth(John 8:44-45). Noah embraced the light and was reformed, but the world then perished for rejecting the light. **The Israelites**, in becoming too stubborn to walk in this light, all perished in the wilderness(1 Cor 10:5-10). **Samson once tilted also his pipe but luckily got an opportunity to reform at the end of his life**, but Balaam, Saul and others didn't have this opportunity and perished without hope. What more can we say, about Jacob, Esau, David, Daniel, Solomon and the Jews of the 1st century? Wasn't Paul, after long years of living contrary to God's light, able to bring his pipe down in line with God's light? What about mighty soldiers of the cross during the time of Reformation who were trying to bring the pipe of human ideas back in line with the word of God while the papists and priests opposed this work? "Now is the day of Salvation." Will you

brother, sister, be reformed and take God seriously?

It's high time we stopped being cowards and become Christians indeed.

“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”(Ps 119:105). **The first step to perdition is when you neglect Bible study. You can't neglect Bible study and still claim to know where you're going, or are you providing your own light?** How do you know what darkness is unless you're familiar with the light? The Saviour knew where he came from, what he was presently dealing with and where he was going, do you also know these things about yourself?

How many today are willing to be the children of the light and not be the children of darkness? How many are willing to align their thoughts, beliefs and decisions 100% in line with the Word of God? The World follows its own desires, and its passing away, and the church is doing the same because her

members respect and trust their own feelings more than the Word of God.

But since Christ says, “ **And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.**”(Matthew 24:14), then while He pleads with those who know the truth but have not lived it to come back in line, **he paves the way for the final proclamation of this word of truth to those who have never heard of it before.**

“After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, **having great authority, and the earth was illuminated with his glory**...And I heard another voice from heaven saying, ‘Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues.’”(Revelation 18:1,4).

Now you see **that the light of Calvary is going to illuminate the entire earth before the end of time.** Every individual will be brought face to face with truth, and they will have to choose between light

and darkness, truth and error, Christ and Satan. Then, those who will not be willing to accept the light will remain in darkness to perish in their sins, while those who will embrace the light will get on the boat of truth to eternal life.

Still now, while mercy lingers, some people will never get back in line on time because they have more important things to do than doing God's will. Such will find themselves in a catastrophic situation and will certainly fail of getting everlasting life. Nothing that's defiled shall enter the city of God. Those who can by no means tilt their human pipes to reject God in their lives are the only ones who will be found faithful . **These are the only true Christians, you see, for they truly follow wherever the light of Christ leads.**(Rev 14:4)

All who are too lazy to study this Light of truth as revealed in the Bible will by no means cross Jordan into eternity. **Heaven is bright, and only the**

bright ones here will stand in it's beautiful places.

“ Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament, and those who turn many to righteousness like the stars forever and ever.”(Daniel 12:3)

In the Presence Of God At Last.

“You have a few names even in Sardis who have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with Me in white, for they are worthy. He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments..”(Revelation 3:4-4)

Jesus says, those who keep their spiritual garments white (being unwilling to tilt their pipes from the light) **will physically walk with Christ “in white”** and be clothed with the white garments. They now see the beauty of heaven dimly **“through the glass”** as it were, but the time is fast approaching when they shall literally see heaven and its light (1 Cor

13:12). **The city of God, you see, is only for overcomers.**

“And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it. And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there. And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it. And **there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.”(Revelation 21:23-27)**

Those who embrace the spiritual life of salvation today and align themselves with all its requirements will surely be in the presence of the Father of Light tomorrow.

The sun, affected by sin, can cause cancer and even

scorch. But in the presence of God, the sun shall not do any damage to the saints, **“For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.”**(Revelation 7:15-17). The spiritual journey of light will surely pay off, just as the physical one pays off when one follows the path lightened by sunlight. And as the days of eternity roll onwards, so love and truth will increase. New glories will be revealed to those who now walk with Christ.

Now is the time to cease holding on to human feelings and ideas and take God seriously, for only the worthy ones, those who are truly Christians, who've washed their garments in Christ's blood will be admitted in the heavenly mansions. **None others will.**

May the Lord help His people.

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