

will see our good works, and our holy lives. They will feel inspired to give praise and glory to God our Father, in heaven [Mt 5:14-16](#); [Php 2:14-16](#). Living in the light is what characterizes Christ's true disciples. We belong to the light, and therefore, we live as children of the light; in a spiritually dark, corrupt and perverse world [1 Pe 2:12](#). There must be a powerful contrast between the lifestyles of the righteous and wicked [1 Th 5:5-6, 8](#).

5) [Witnessing](#) - Proclaiming the gospel "good news" throughout the world, as a witness to all nations [Mt 24:14](#). The heart and core of the gospel message, is the glorious return of Jesus Christ, to establish His Kingdom to this earth [Rev 11:15](#). Once we have come to a knowledge of the truth, we proclaim it with holy boldness throughout the world [Ac 28:31](#).

6) [Watching](#) - We must remain sober, vigilant, alert and self-controlled [1 Pe 5:8-9](#). We are to watch out that we are not deceived by Satan, through false teachers and counterfeit gospels [Mt 24:4](#); [Lk 21:8](#); [2 Pe 2](#).

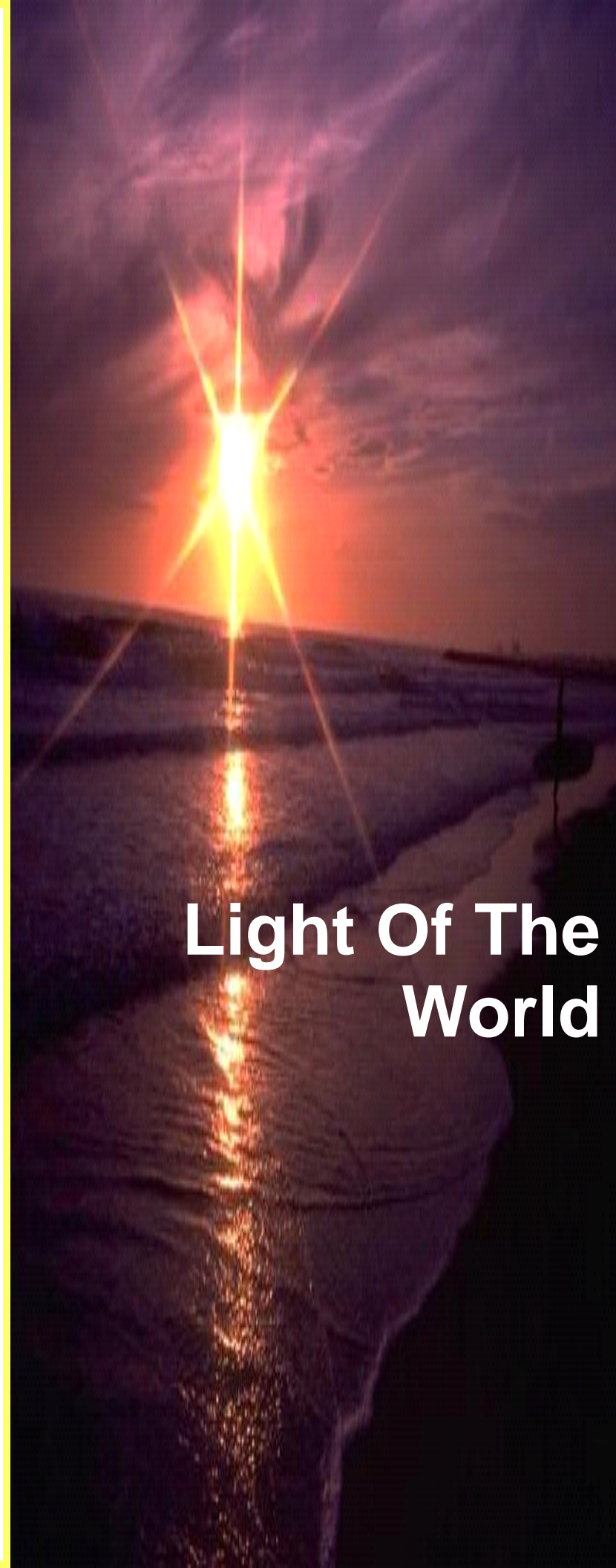
Above all, the most blessed day of the true saints of God, is when Jesus Christ ushers in the dawn of a new era, with the establishment of a one supreme world-ruling Kingdom and government of God, at His awesome and glorious return, resulting in everlasting peace, happiness, joy and prosperity. Christ's holy and divine presence is described "as the sun shineth in his strength" [Rev 1:16](#) (KJV). We shall see Christ in all His splendor, beauty, glory and majesty (Read Tract - 'Glorious And Imminent Return Of Jesus Christ' & 'Will You Inherit The Kingdom Of God?'). This awesome revelation is our motivation for godly living. May God speed and bless that glorious day! [Mt 24:30](#); [Rev 1:7](#).

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Light Of The World

Are you living in the light of God's divine presence; or are you still living in the dark? Which road are you traveling on? The light, narrow road that leads to salvation and everlasting life; or the dark, wide road that leads to death and destruction?

What does light symbolize or illustrate? 1) Glory of God and Jesus Christ - Ps 104:2; Ac 9:3; 26:13; 1 Ti 6:16. 2) Very divine presence of a holy God, and His divine favor - Ex 10:23; Ps 4:6; 27:1; 44:3; 89:15; Isa 2:5; 9:2; Jn 1:4-14; 8:12; 9:5; 12:46; 2 Co 4:6; Jas 1:17; 1 Pe 2:9; 1 Jn 1:5. 3) Word of God - Ps 119:105, 130; 2 Pe 1:19. 4) The glorious gospel of Jesus Christ - 2 Co 4:4, 6. 5) Commandments - Ps 19:8. 6) Goodness, righteousness and truth (fruits of the light) - Gen 1:3-4; Eph 5:9. 7) Life - Ps 13:3; 49:19; 56:13; Christ is the fountain and source of life - Jn 1:4. 8) Salvation - Isa 9:2. 9) Expression of the holiness, splendor and radiance of God and Christ - 1 Ti 6:16; Heb 1:3. 10) The eye - Mt 6:22; Lk 11:34. 11) Watchfulness - Mt 25:1-13. 12) Protection - Ro 13:12. 13) Sphere of the Christian's daily walk - Our Lord is the source of light. We walk in the light of God's truth. In friendship, fellowship and companionship with God Isa 2:5; Eph 5:8; Col 1:10-13; 1 Jn 1:7. 14) Prosperity and relief - Isa 45:7. In contrast with the life of the wicked which is snuffed out - Job 18:5. 15) Joy and happiness - Ps 97:11; 112:4. 16) Well-being - Ps 27:1; 97:11. 17) Purity of God and Christ - Mt 17:21; 1 Jn 1:5; 1 Jn 3:3. 18) Wisdom and knowledge - Da 2:22. Christ is the source of all wisdom - Lk 2:32; Jn 1:4, 9; 8:12; 12:46. 19) Guidance of God - Pr 4:18. God leads, guides and directs us - Ps 27:1; 36:9. 20) Future glory of Jerusalem - Is 60:1-3. 21) Ministers - Jn 5:35. 22) Wise rulers - 2 Sa 21:17; 23:3-4. 23) Saints - Eph 5:8; Php 2:15. 24) Future glory of saints - Col 1:12. 25) Illuminates the path of the just and righteous - Pr 4:18. God leads, guides and protects the godly, who lead others on the path of righteousness Da 12:3. Compared to the light of the dawn or the shining light, becoming all the more brighter and clearer, until the perfect and glorious day. *In contrast with the path of the wicked, who stumble on the path of deep darkness - Job 18:5-6; Pr 4:19.* All who walk in, and reflect the light are called "lights" in the world Mt 5:14, 26. Illuminates soul of man - Job 12:22. - illuminates the conscience of man, and convicts him of his sins. It exposes the hidden motives, thoughts, secrets and intents of the heart. Reveals what is hidden in the darkness. Exposes man's evil and shameful deeds Ps 90:8; Ecc 12:14; 1 Co 4:5; Eph 5:11-14.

What is light described in the Bible as? 1) White, pure, clear and bright - Mt 17:2. 2) Bright - Job 37:21. 3) Shining like the rays of dawn - 2 Sa 23:4; Job 41:18. 4) Sown for the righteous - Ps 97:11. 5) Diffusive - Job 25:3; 36:30. 6) Useful, precious and excels darkness - Ecc 2:13. 7) Sweet and pleasant - Ecc 11:7. 8) Exposing deeds, whether good or evil, to make them visible - Jn 3:19-21; Eph 5:13-14. 9) Beyond understanding - Job 38:19-20, 24.

What did Jesus mean when He said "I am the Light of the world," and what does it mean to "walk in the light"? Jesus said in Jn 8:12, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." Jesus came with a message. He declared Himself to be the light of the world. He claimed that He is the true and pure source of spiritual light, truth and life Jn 14:6. Jesus came to declare and impart it to men. Salvation is found in no one else. He is the way of, and author of our salvation. The metaphor used by Jesus in Jn 8:12, speaks of the light of His truth, which illuminates the mind, eyes, way and life of His followers, so that they will never walk in spiritual darkness, blindness, ignorance and deception Jn 12:46. True, heartfelt repentance of sin, will ensure that we remain close to Jesus Christ. To be able to walk in the true spiritual light, and bear much spiritual fruit in our lives, we need to abide in Jesus Christ, who is the vine. Jesus said that apart from Him, we can do nothing Jn 15:1-8. The Christian life is a life of spiritual growth and maturity, and bearing the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit, as listed in Gal 5:22-23, and exercising and developing holy, righteous, godly character, by the power of the Holy Spirit. As lights in the world, we must represent goodness, righteousness, purity and truth. Only by surrendering our lives to Jesus, who is the exclusive source of spiritual light, will we be able to live a spiritual life. We grow in our relationship with Jesus through prayer, fasting and Bible study. Saving faith is persevering faith. The true believer has nothing to do with the unfruitful works of darkness. He does not take part in the sinful lifestyle of unbelievers, nor does he participate in their evil deeds. There must be a powerful contrast between the lifestyle of believers who live in the light, with the knowledge and truth of God's word, and persistently strive to obey God's commandments; and unbelievers who live in darkness and habitual sin. The unbeliever does not come to Jesus, who is the light, because he hates the light, and is fearful of the light, as it exposes his evil deeds Jn 1:5; 3:19-20. He is walking in the darkness, which is a symbol of sin, calamity, oppression, gloom and doom. Jesus said that no one can come to Him, the true spiritual light, unless God enables that person Jn 6:37, 44. Firstly, an individual is called by God. Secondly, that person must hear and respond to the call of God. The reasons why many are called, but few are chosen, are illustrated in the 'Parable of the Sower.' It shows how differently people will respond to the gospel Mt 13:1-23; Mk 4:1-20; Lk 8:1-15 (Read Tract: 'Parable of the Sower'). Those who are truly called by God and chosen for salvation, are the ones who are truly repentant, and walk in the light of God's presence. They have completely surrendered their lives to God, and are committed, devoted and dedicated to Him. They hear the word of God; understand it; and through patience and perseverance, bear much spiritual fruit. God is, and continues to be first love and top priority in their lives. True disciples of Christ remain faithful to God, despite pressures, troubles and persecutions. They will remain true to, and persevere in the faith, no matter what slightest danger they may encounter, or hardships they may endure. God promises to rescue those who love Him, out of any situation Ps 91:14-16. God is the focus in their lives. Not status, possessions and wealth. Therefore, they worship God and serve Him only, with wholehearted devotion. They don't allow the world's lifestyles, attitudes, actions, views, advice, ideas and opinions to negatively influence them, and shape their lives. To be saved, we must remain faithful to our calling. We must be faithful overcomers in this life, so that we will be prepared and ready to assist Christ in ruling over the nations. At different stages in our Christian lives, we may be called upon by God, to prove our faith, love, loyalty and obedience to Him, by enduring trials. When we experience different trials, God is teaching us many lessons, including: patience, trust, perseverance and endurance. God is developing His holy, godly and righteous character in us. He is molding and shaping us into the kind of people He wants us to be - more like Christ. It is crucial that we remain completely faithful, passionate, devoted, dedicated and committed to God, under any circumstance. In every trial, God will help, strengthen and rescue us. He will also not test us beyond our capability to endure, and will always provide a way out of every situation Is 43:2; 1 Co 10:13; Jas 1:3; 1 Pe 1:7. We must resist Satanic and worldly pressures and temptations, by overcoming hindrances and obstacles, as evidence of our perseverance and commitment in serving God, throughout our Christian lives. Worldly attitudes, such as: malice, greed and selfishness; and worldly lifestyles, such as: sexual immorality, debauchery, impurity and drunkenness, do not control the lives of true disciples of Christ Ro 13:13; Gal 5:19; Eph 5:18. We must exercise self-control Gal 5:22-23. 'Walking in the light,' as God Himself is in the light, constitutes our

true test of fellowship with Him. This means, as true and faithful Christians, we walk the path of holiness, godliness, purity, truth and righteousness. We mature, strengthen and increase in faith. We live spiritually prosperous, fruitful, active and productive lives. We continue walking as children of the light, and shine as beacons of light, in this spiritually dark and sinful world. God's Spirit enlightens our heart, mind and soul, and leads, guides and helps us on the narrow road. The entrance of God's word in our hearts, gives light and understanding Ps 19:7-10. Faithful Christians live in the true light of salvation; and put aside the fruitless, evil deeds of darkness Eph 5:11. They partake in fruitful, good deeds, and walk in the light of the true word of God; and put on the protective "armor of light" Ro 13:12. When Jesus said in Lk 11:33-36, that "the eye is the lamp of the body," he was referring to the health and soundness of the eye. The person with a good, sound eye, walks in the light, so he can see clearly where he is going. He sincerely desires to please God in everything he does. Spiritually, his heart, mind and life will be healthy, pure and illuminated, because he is focused on, and devoted to God, and the heavenly things above. His ambition will be to persistently please and serve God faithfully, with wholehearted devotion Col 3:1-3. This means, we must be extremely careful not to allow the evil things of this world to control our lives, and occupy our minds. Sins, such as: sexual immorality must not enter our lives, by the eyes, heart and mind Pr 4:23. We avoid what Satan glamorizes through vile media and entertainment, in the form of websites, magazines, and television and radio programs that promote what are contrary to Biblical values, such as sexual immorality, including: fornication, adultery, pornography, prostitution, homosexuality, incest, bestiality; and all forms of idolatry, including: witchcraft and other forms of the occult, greed and covetousness. Also, promotion and viewing of other worldly lifestyles, depicting violence/murder/suicide; drugs and drunkenness etc, must also be avoided Ro 13:14; Gal 5:16. We are not part of the world. We do not conform to the customs, rituals, practices, traditions and inventions of this world Jas 4:4; Ro 12:2; 1 Jn 2:15-17. Our lifestyles must be in line with God's will. This means, that we conform to God's highest standard for our lives; and never compromise by lowering the standards. God commands us to come out from among unbelievers. We are accepted by God, when we avoid evil company, and do not follow the advice of the wicked. We watch and pray so that we will not fall into temptation Mt 26:41. The Lord will bestow blessings of favor and honor upon the righteous. Ps 84:11-12 mentions that God withholds nothing good from those who continuously walk the path of righteousness, and desire to please Him, by living a pure, upright and blameless life. The Holy Spirit will lead, guide and direct us in our lives. It is crucial that we wait patiently and continually on God, and the fulfillment of His plan for our lives. It is essential that we walk by faith. We have been called according to God's will, plan and purpose. Therefore, God works out everything in accordance with the purpose of His will, for those who love Him. Trust in God and His word, results in blessings (Read Tract: 'Blessings - God Is Able To Do Immeasurably More!').

What is the purpose of the light?

- 1) Light reveals who God is Jn 1:18; 17:26; Jn 8:18. Jesus bore testimony of God the Father. God's character was revealed to us, through Jesus Christ the Son (Read Tract - 'Attributes, Qualities and Characteristics').
- 2) Jesus Christ, the true light of the world exposes sin and evil deeds. Jesus reveals that sin is hopeless, unfruitful and vile Jn 3:19. He exposes the truth about Satan, who is the adversary, a counterfeit light, and masquerades as an "angel of light," glorifies sin, and uses wicked schemes, such as: deception and temptation, to lure into sin 2 Co 11:14-15.
- 3) Light exposes what is in the darkness, and reveals the truth about the consequences of sin Ro 6:23.
- 4) The glorious light of the gospel fills us with faith, love and hope of salvation Ro 10:17; Eph 1:13; Col 1:3-6.
- 5) God's divine word, and the knowledge of the glory of God, illuminates and shines in our minds, hearts and lives Ps 119:105, instructing in holy, righteous living.

To whom is the light promised?

- 1) To the obedient - Job 22:28; Ps 97:11.
- 2) To the upright - Ps 112:4.
- 3) To the righteous - Pr 4:18; 13:9
- 4) To the benevolent - Isa 58:8.
- 5) To the followers of Christ - Jn 8:12; 1 Jn 2:10.
- 6) Jerusalem - the future glory and splendor of Jerusalem is described in Isa 60.

How is light reflected from believers? In the same way that Jesus is the light of the world, He commands us to be 'lights' too Mt 5:14-16. Faithful followers will reflect the light of Christ. We are to set a good example for, shine as lights in, and have a positive impact and influence upon the world, so that people will see the light of Christ reflected through us, and feel inspired and encouraged to leave the path of darkness; and come into the glorious light of Christ Pr 11:30; Da 12:3; 1 Ti 4:12; Jude 1:23. The light will be evident to the world by our actions and good deeds, operating through the power of the Holy Spirit. This is how we demonstrate living faith in Christ (Read Tract - 'Who Through Faith ...'). Since we are lights in the Lord, we must walk as children of the light. Faithful followers of Christ will not conform to the evil ways of this world. Their hearts, minds are completely transformed by the power of God's Holy Spirit. They will have a pure, repentant heart; and not habitually practice sin as a way of life. Those with a truly repentant heart, have become totally new creatures in Christ Jesus (Read Tract - 'Repent or Perish!'). They stand out from the world, through their faith, lifestyles, character, speech, actions and attitudes. They have absolutely no tolerance for, and do not compromise with sin and evil. For example, they do not participate in any form of sexual sin, such as: sexual lust and fornication; nor the occult and greed, which are forms of idolatry. Those who deliberately, persistently and habitually practice sin, have excluded God from their lives. Their sins have separated them from God, and consequently, they are not in right standing with God. Therefore, God has excluded them from His Kingdom, which will be established at Christ's return 1 Co 6:9-11. We must always be ready to defend our faith and hope in Christ, and be ready to answer any opposition 1 Pe 3:15-16.

What kinds of responsibilities do believer's fulfill in the light?

- 1) Praise and worship Almighty God, Creator of the universe - 2 Ch 5:13-14. (Read Tract: 'Praise And Worship'.)
- 2) Mighty work for Almighty God! Serve Him faithfully, with wholehearted passion, devotion, dedication and commitment 1 Co 15:57-58.
- 3) Spiritual warfare - We put on the whole armor of God, to withstand Satan's evil schemes and strategies. For example, deception, temptation, doubt, discouragement, accusation and condemnation, etc Ro 13:12; Eph 6:10-18 (Read Tract - 'You Can Be Set Free!').
- 4) Walking in the light of the Lord Eph 5:1-14. Actively doing good deeds, and bearing much spiritual fruit, as we abide in Christ Jn 15:5. Our light must shine before others, so that they