

In Him, His Followers Have the Light of Life

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"Then Jesus spoke again unto them, saying, '**I am the Light of the World; he who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the Light of Life.**' " (John 8:12 **please read** 1-16)

Shall-have: from the Greek word *hexei* which means: shall-have, or will-have. In context: referring to those who follow Jesus: those people shall-have the Light of Life!

the Light: from the Greek words *to phos* which mean: the light; a light, a source of light, radiance; especially in terms of what it reveals or manifests. In context: the manifestation of God's self-existent life in and through following Jesus; thus, the divine illumination to reveal and impart life, through Christ Jesus.

of Life: from the Greek words *tes zoes* which mean: of-the life; both of physical life (present) and of spiritual life, particularly future existence (eternal life). Life always, and only, comes from and is sustained by God's self-existent life in and through Jesus; as it says: "All things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and through Him all things hold together." (Colossians 1: 16-17)

Follows: from the Greek word *akolouthon* which means: to follow in the way; to walk with someone who leads; to accompany someone as a disciple. From *a* (as a particle of union) and *keleuthos* (a road). In context: to follow and accompany Jesus on the road of life, or the Way of His Life; which is the Light of Life; as Jesus Himself said, "I am **the Way**, the Truth, and **the Life**; no man comes unto the Father, but through Me." (John 14:6)

Darkness: from the Greek word *skotia* which means: darkness; or spiritual darkness; the moral or spiritual obscurity, that blocks out the light of God in the absence of faith; used of the ignorance of divine things, and its associated wickedness.

This attribute of Christ Jesus is that He is the source of the Light of Life. Those persons who faithfully follow Jesus in His Way, and in His Truth, will have this Light of Life. This is in contrast to those who walk in the way of darkness: these persons shall not have the Light of Life which comes only through Christ Jesus. The way of darkness is broad and leads to eternal destruction.

Please consider the following:

"In Him (in Jesus) was Life; **and the Life was the Light** (of life) **of men**. And the Light shines in darkness; and **the darkness did not comprehend it.**" (John 1:4-5) (as in those accusers)

"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so the Son of Man must be lifted up; so that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have Eternal Life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have Everlasting Life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved. He who believes on Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the Name of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the condemnation, that the Light has come into the world, and **men loved darkness rather than the Light**, because their deeds were evil. For **everyone who does evil hates the Light**, nor comes to the Light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he who does truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are accomplished in God." (John 3:14-21)

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The battle between the Light of Life, in Christ Jesus, and darkness was prophesied:

"Now when Jesus had heard that John was cast into prison, He departed into Galilee. And leaving Nazareth, He came and lived in Capernaum, which is by the sea coast (the Sea of Galilee), in the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali; so that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying, '*The land of Zebulun, and the land of Naphtali, by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles; the people who sat in darkness saw a Great Light; and to those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light (of Life) has arisen.*'" (Matthew 4:12-16) (the quote is from Isaiah 9:1-2)

"For **you were formerly darkness**, but now **you are are light in the Lord**. Therefore, walk (follow Jesus) as children of the Light; for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth; proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness. For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret (i.e. in darkness). But all things that are reprov'd (or exposed), are revealed by the Light; for whatever reveals is light. Therefore it says, '*Awake you who sleep, **and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light.***'" (Ephesians 5:8-14) (quote is from Isaiah 51:17)

The Light of Life that we have received in Christ Jesus – comes from the Father through Jesus:

"For He (Jesus) whom God has sent speaks the words of God; for God does not give the Spirit by measure unto Him. The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into His hand. He who believes on the Son has Everlasting Life; and he who does not believe the Son **shall not see Life**; but the wrath of God abides on him." (John 3:34-36)

"Truly, truly, I say unto you, 'He who hears My word, and believes on Him (the Father) who sent Me, has Everlasting Life, and shall not come into condemnation; but has passed from death into life. Truly, truly, I say unto you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and those who hear shall live. For as **the Father has Life in Himself**; so has **He given to the Son to have life in Himself.**" (John 5:24-26)

"Jesus cried-out and said, 'He who believes on Me, believes not (only) on Me, but on Him (the Father) who sent Me. And he who sees Me sees Him who sent Me. **I have come as Light into the world**, so that whoever believes in Me should not abide (stay) in darkness." (John 12:44-46)

"For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that you might be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; so that you might walk worthy of the Lord fully pleasing (to Him), being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, unto all patience and long-suffering with joyfulness; giving thanks unto the Father, who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints **in the Light** (of Life); and **who has delivered us from the power of darkness**, and has transferred us into the Kingdom of His dear Son; in whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins." (Colossians 1:9-14)

"**For God** (the Father), 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.**" (2 Corinthians 4:6)

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The **Light** of the Life, that we have received in and through Christ Jesus, **is** what has led us, who are following in the footsteps of Jesus, into this '**Life**' that we now have as we abide in Christ Jesus! Please consider the following:

Jesus said, "I am the Door; **through Me** if any man enters in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. The thief comes not except for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. **I have come so that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.** I am the Good Shepherd; and the good shepherd gives **His Life** for the sheep." (John 10:7-11)

Jesus said, 'I am the Resurrection, and **the Life; he who believes in Me**, though he were dead, **yet shall he live.** And whoever **lives** and believes in Me (and follows Jesus) **shall never die.**" (John 11:25-26)

"And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, **He has made you alive together with Him**, having forgiven all your trespasses." (Colossians 2:13)

"For as in Adam all die, **even so in Christ shall all be made alive.**" (I Corinthians 15:22)

"For the law of the Spirit **of life in Christ Jesus** has made me free from the law of sin and death." (Romans 8:2)

"For to me **to live is Christ**, and to die is gain." (Philippians 1:21)

"When **Christ, who is our life**, shall appear, then shall you also appear with Him in glory." (Colossians 3:4)

Finally, consider these encouraging words:

"**That** which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, **of the Word of Life**; for the **Life** was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and show unto you **that Eternal Life**, who was with the Father, and was manifested (revealed) unto us; **that** which we have seen and heard we declare unto you, so that you also may have fellowship with us: and truly **our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.** And these things we write unto you, so that your joy may be full. (1John 1:1-4)

"And this is the record, that **God has given to us Eternal Life**, and **this Life is in His Son.** He who has the Son has Life; and he who has not the Son of God has not Life. These things have I written unto you who believe on the **Name** of the Son of God; so that you may know that you have Eternal Life, and that you may believe on the **Name** of the Son of God." (1John 5:11-13)

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**For Jesus is the Light of the World ! ~ His Life is the Light of men !
We who follow Jesus have eternal access to our Father in heaven !**

**Lord Jesus, I once was blind but now I see You, and the Father through You !
Lord Jesus, I once lived in darkness, but now I live in the Light which I have in You!
Lord Jesus, I have decided to follow You forever and ever!
Thank You Lord Jesus for giving me the Light of Life,
and the means to live it more abundantly!**

All praise and Honor and Glory to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit ~ Amen !!