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"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made. In Him was Life; and the Life was the Light of men. And the Light shines in darkness; and the darkness did not comprehend it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. This one came as a witness, to bear witness of the Light, so that all might believe through him. He (John) was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light, who was the True Light, who enlightens every man who comes into the world." (John 1:1-9)

"My little children, these things write I unto you, so that you do not sin. And if any man sins, we have an **Advocate** with the Father, **Jesus Christ the Righteous**. And <u>He is **the Propitiation** for our sins;</u> and not for ours only, <u>but also for the sins of the whole world</u>. And by this do we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. He who says, 'I know Him', but does not keep His commandments, is a liar, <u>and **the Truth** is not in him</u>. But whoever keeps His Word, truly in him is the love of God perfected; by this we know <u>that we are in Him</u>. He who says that he abides in Him ought himself also walk, even as He (Jesus) walked. Brethren, I do not write a new commandment unto you, but an old commandment which you had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which you have heard from the beginning. Again, a new commandment I write unto you, which thing is **True in Him** and in you; because the darkness is past, <u>and the **True Light** now shines</u>. He who says he is in **the Light**, and hates his brother, <u>is still in darkness</u> even until now. He who loves his brother abides in **the Light**, and there is no occasion of stumbling in him. <u>But he who hates his brother is in darkness</u>, and walks in darkness, and does not know where he is going, because that darkness **has blinded** his eyes." (I John 2:1-8-11)

True: from the Greek word <u>alethinon</u> which means: true (lit: made of truth), real, genuine, factual, authentic. Emphasizes the integrity, certainty, and factuality, of what is true, ("true inside and out"). True to the exclusion of any thing false, or impossibly contradictory, to 'that' which is being declared to be exclusively true.

Light: from the Greek word **phos** which means: light, a source of light, such as the sun or a lamp; illumination, radiance. Also 'light' especially in terms of what it reveals or illuminates. In the NT, the <u>manifestation</u> of God's self-existent Life; <u>divine illumination to reveal and impart life through Christ</u>. As it says: "In Him (Jesus) was Life; and the Life was the Light of men." (John 1:4); Light is the opposite of darkness, an importance contextual concept!

True Light: Jesus is **the Light!** He is **the Light** who enlightens <u>every</u> person who comes into the world! John the Baptist **is not the Light!** And by implication nor is any other human being capable of being **the Light** that enlightens mankind. In context, <u>only Jesus is the True Light</u> who opens the eyes of spiritually **blind** people. Only the Life of Jesus delivers us from darkness of sin into the Light and revelation knowledge of salvation in Christ Jesus!

This title, **The True Light**, is thus a preclusive title of Jesus, in that it excludes any and all other sources of light as being 'True Light' sources of deliverance from spiritual darkness. This truth, of being exclusively the one and only Savior is taught by Jesus Himself, and by others; consider these truths:

Jesus said, "'Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many dwellings; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; so that where I am, there you may be also. And where I am going you know, and the Way you know.' But Thomas said unto Him, 'Lord, we do not know where You are going; so how can we know the way?' And Jesus said unto him, 'I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life: no man comes unto the Father, but through Me. If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now onward you know Him, and have seen Him.' " (John 14:1-6-7)

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"Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by Him does this man stand here before you whole. This is **the Stone** who was rejected by you builders, who has become the Head Cornerstone. **Nor is there salvation in any other**: for there is **no other** Name under heaven given among mankind, by which we must be saved." (Acts 4:1-12)

"Therefore, I exhort, that first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings, and for all who are in authority; so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior; who desires all men to be saved, and to come into the knowledge of the Truth. For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus; who gave Himself a Ransom for all, to be testified in due time."

(1 Timothy 2: 1-6)

The 'True nature' of all who Christ Jesus is: His <u>Way</u> of living, His Words of <u>Truth</u>, His <u>Life</u> lived and given up for us, His very Name and Nature; <u>all are of what brings us out of darkness, and death</u>, <u>and into the marvelous True Light of Christ Jesus Himself</u>. Consider these scriptures:

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a **Great Light**; they who dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them has the **Light** shined." (see Isaiah 9:1-2-7)

"Then Jesus spoke again unto them, saying, <u>I am the light of the world</u>: he who follows <u>Me shall not walk in darkness</u>, but shall have the <u>Light of Life</u>. (John 8:12)

"...God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him (Jesus) 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 Light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than Light, because their deeds were evil. For every one who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he who does (walks in) the Truth comes into the Light, so that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are performed in God." (John 3:18-21)

"But if our gospel is hidden, it is hidden to those who are lost; in whom the god of this world has <u>blinded</u> the minds of those who do not believe, lest **the Light** of the glorious Gospel of Christ, <u>who is the **Image of God**</u>, should <u>shine</u> unto them. For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who commanded <u>the Light</u> to shine out of darkness, has <u>shined in our hearts</u>, to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the presence of Jesus Christ." (see 2 Corinthians 4:1-6)

Consider also this passage:

"And so we also have a more sure word of prophecy; which you do well that you take heed, as unto <u>a Light that shines</u> in a dark place, <u>until the day dawns</u>, and <u>the Morningstar</u> <u>arises in your hearts</u>." (see 2 Peter 1:16-19)

Morningstar: from the Greek word *phosphoros* which means: "light-bringer" or "light-bearer"; and is use only this one time in the New Testament. The word is usually translated Daystar, or Morningstar; and in a literal sense was commonly used as a name for the bright planet Venus when it appears in the east before sunrise, or for the sun itself upon its rising. In the context of the quoted verses, Morningstar, of course, is figuratively referring to Jesus as the light-bearing star that "arises in our hearts".

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Jesus is the Light-bearing **Morningstar** that brings True Light into this world of darkness. And like the dawning of a New Day the true Light of Christ Jesus "arises' in our hearts so that we ourselves become light in the Lord Jesus Christ! Consider also these passages:

"For you shall go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways; to give knowledge of salvation unto His people for the remission of their sins, through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the <u>Dayspring from on High</u> has visited us, to give light to those who sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

(please read Luke 1:67-79) (the father of John th Baptist, prophesying to his newborn son)

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

"For you were formerly darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Therefore, walk 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, ... But all things that are reproved are made manifest by the Light; for whatever does make manifest is light. For this reason it says. "Awake you who sleep, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light."" (Ephesians 5: 8-11; 13-14)

When we are delivered from the darkness and deadness of our former way of living, we become born again into the Spirit of Christ; and we ourselves actually become "**light**' **in** the Lord Jesus! As we continue walk in the Way of Christ Jesus, the Way of Truth, our deeds in Christ <u>shine</u> forth as deeds performed in God! We now live <u>His marvelous Light</u>! The Light of Christ Jesus in us can draw people out of the darkness where we once walked in; as it says;

"The path of the righteous is as the Shining Light of dawn, that shines Brighter and Brighter into the full and perfect day."
(Proverbs 4:18)

JESUS is ...

the True Light,

who enlightens every man who comes into the world!
In Jesus is Life; and this Life is the Light of men!
Jesus Now shines as the Bright Morning Star in this world of darkness!
Jesus Now shines as the Light of the World!

We who follow Jesus shall not walk in darkness, but have the Light of Life!

Lord Jesus You are the One, the <u>Only</u> One who brings Light into the World!
You are the One, the <u>Only</u> One who shines into <u>our</u> hearts,
to give us the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in Your very presence!

Thank You Lord Jesus!