

The True Light Who Enlightens Every Man

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"There was a man sent from God, whose name was John (John the Baptist). He came as a witness, to bear witness of **the Light (Jesus)**, so that all men through Him might believe. He(John) was not **that Light**, but was sent to bear witness of **that Light. That was the True Light, which (or who) enlightens every man (person) who comes into the world.** He (Jesus) was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. He came unto His own, and His own did not received Him. But as many as do received Him, to them He gave power to become the sons of God, even to those who believe on His name. (John 1:6-12)

That Was: from the Greek word ***en*** a verb-singular which means: **that-was**; or **there-was**; from ***eimi*** which means 'I exist' or I am; in the sense of existing, or being). The context is: Jesus was, is, and always exists as the True Light, who enlightens every man (person) who comes into the world.

True: from the Greek word ***alethinon*** which means: **true**; (literally: **made of truth**), real, genuine. From ***alethinon*** - **true to fact**; properly: true, real, down to its inner make-up; reality, true inside and out. In context "True" – because He is full of **God's revelation** for us!

Light: from the Greek word ***phos*** which means: **light**; a source of light, radiance; properly: light (especially in terms of its results, **what it manifests**). In context: the manifestation of God's self-existent life; and divine illumination to reveal and impart Eternal Life, in and through Christ Jesus.

Enlightens: from the Greek word ***photizei*** a verb which means: **enlightens**; to light up, to illumine, to bring to light, to make evident, to reveal, to see with understanding. Properly: **to enlighten**; In context: The Father sharing His Life, through the True Life, even Jesus, so that we might **see**, and be delivered from darkness and sin.

Every: from the Greek word ***panta*** which means: **every, each**; all; all-things, everything; from ***pas***: all, every, each, the whole. In context, each and every person whom Jesus came to be the True Light for.

Man: from the Greek word ***anthropon*** (singular) which means: a man; from ***anthropos*** – a man; but also the generic term for "mankind"; the human race; people. (Includes women and men, since both are created in the image of God – each equally vested with individual personhood and destiny; as it says in Galatians 3:28: "*There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for you are all one in Christ Jesus.*" (Galatians 3:28). In context: each and every individual person who Jesus, the True Light, came to enlighten, as to who He was, and why He came; with His supreme desire that everyone would believe in Him!

Literal: "That-was the Light the True who enlightens every man coming into the world."

New King James: "That was the True Light, which gives light to every man who comes into the world."

My paraphrase: "Jesus is the one and only True light, who Himself enlightens every person: everyone who has ever come into the world."

Consider the Context:

"He (Jesus) was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. **He came unto His own, and His own did not received Him.** But as many as do received Him, to them He gave power to become the sons of God, even to those who believe on His Name. (John 1:6-12)

The context is that Jesus came unto His own, and His own did not received Him. It is as it says:

"In Him was Life; and **the Life was the Light of men**; and **the Light** shines in darkness; **but the darkness did not comprehended it.**" (John 1:4-5)

Consider the following:

"And Jesus said, 'For judgment I am come into this world, so that those who do not see, **might see; and so that those who see might be made blind.**' And some of the Pharisees who were with Him heard these words, and said unto Him, 'Are we blind also?' Jesus said unto them, 'If you were blind, you should have no sin; **but because you say, 'We see,' therefore your sin remains.**'" (John 9:39-41) (they considered themselves **enlightened** – but they were not)

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Consider also the following:

"But though He (Jesus) had done so many miracles before them, yet they did not believe on Him: so that the saying of Elijah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spoke, 'Lord, who has believed our report? and to whom has the **Arm of the Lord** (speaking of Jesus) been revealed?' Therefore they could not believe, as again said Elijah, '**He has blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; so that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be converted,** and I should heal them.' These things said Elijah, when he saw His glory, and spoke of Him. Nevertheless among the chief rulers many believed on Him (Jesus); but because of the Pharisees they did not (openly) confess Him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue." (John 12:37-42)

"Even so then, at this present time there is also a remnant according to the election of grace. And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more of grace: otherwise work is no more work. What then? Israel has not obtained that which he seeks for; but the elect has obtained it, and the rest were blinded; just as it is written, '*God has given them the spirit of slumber, **eyes that they should not see,** and ears that they should not hear;*' unto this day " (Romans 11:5-8) (quote is from Isaiah 29:10)

But for those who do receive Jesus into their hearts, consider the following:

"But as many as do received Him, to them He gave power to become the sons of God, even to those who believe on His Name. Who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, **but of God.**" (John 1:12-13)

"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:)

The wonderful Good-news is that Jesus is the True Light who enlightens every man who comes into the world, and who turn from darkness to the great hope that believers have in Christ Jesus. Consider the following:

"Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech; and not as Moses, who put a veil over his face, so that the children of Israel could not steadily look to the end of what was passing away. But their minds were blinded; for until this day the same veil remains untaken away in the reading of the Old Testament; since the veil is taken away in Christ. But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the veil is upon their heart. Nevertheless when someone shall turn to the Lord, the veil shall be taken away. Now the Lord is the Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord." (2 Corinthians 3:12-18)

And, **as many as do received Him**, Jesus continues to enlighten them as we are being transformed more and more into His likeness. Consider the following:

"I Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; so that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of Glory, may give unto you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him (Jesus); so that the eyes of your understanding being enlightened, so that you may know what is the hope of His calling, and what the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power **towards us who believe**, according to the working of His mighty power." (Ephesians 1:16-19)

"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 unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God." (Colossians 1:9-10)

"And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lies in wickedness. And we know that the Son of God has come, and has given us an understanding, so that we may know Him who is True, and we are in Him who is True, even in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the True God, and Eternal Life. Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen." (1 John 5:19-21)

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"In that hour **Jesus rejoiced in Spirit**, and said, I thank You, Oh Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hid these things from the wise and prudent, and has **revealed** them unto babes; even so, Father; for so it seemed good in Your sight. All things are delivered to Me of My Father: and no man knows who the Son is, but the Father; or who the Father is, but the Son, and he (people) to whom the Son will reveal Him (the Father)." (Luke 10:21-22)

"And He said unto them, 'These are the words which I spoke unto you, while I was yet with you: that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning Me. Then **He opened their understanding, so that they might understand the scriptures**, And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day; and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.'" (Luke 24:44-47)

If we think we are enlightened in Christ Jesus, we should consider carefully to see whether we are not like those Pharisees who in error thought they were enlightened. Consider the following:

"Again, a new commandment I write unto you, which thing is true in Him (in Jesus) and in you: because the darkness is past, **and the True Light now shines**. He who says he is in the Light, and hates his brother, **is in darkness even until now**. He who loves his brother abides in the Light, and there is no occasion of stumbling in him. **But he who hates his brother is in darkness, and walks in darkness**, and does not know not where he is going, because that darkness (within him) has blinded his eyes." (1 John 2:8-11)

"No man, when he has lit a candle, puts it in a secret place, nor under a bushel-basket, but on a candlestick, so that those who come in **may see the light**. The light of the body is the eye; therefore **when your eye is clear, your whole body also is full of light**; but when your eye is bad, your body also is full of darkness. Take heed therefore that the light which is in you is not darkness. Therefore, if your whole body is full of light, having no part dark, then the whole shall be full of light, as when the bright shining of a candle gives you light." (Luke 11:33-36)

"Therefore judge nothing before the time, **until the Lord comes, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness**, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God." (1 Corinthians 4:5:)

Finally consider the wonderful promise of being eternally enlightened by the Lord God Himself:

"And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and His servants shall serve Him. And they shall see His face; and His Name shall be in their foreheads. And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God enlightens them; and they shall reign forever and ever." (Revelation of John 22:3-5)

Enlightenment

Enlightenment, in Christ Jesus, is when we realize that we are all sinners in need of salvation!

Enlightenment, in Christ Jesus, is when we realize that we must surrender our lives to Jesus!

Enlightenment, in Christ Jesus, is when we realize that Jesus is the way, and the truth, and the life!

Enlightenment, in Christ Jesus, is when we are finally born again into a new life and walk with Jesus!

Enlightenment, in Christ Jesus, is when we realize that we were blind, but now we see!

Jesus is the True Light Who Enlightens Every Man

Jesus is the light of the world!

Every one who follows Jesus shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the Light of Life!

We are given the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Christ Jesus!

Jesus causes the eyes of our understanding to be enlightened!

All Praise and Glory be to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – forever and ever!

Thank You for opening my eyes to my need for a Savior!

Thank You Jesus for being my Savior!

Always and Always! Amen!