

God is Light

Text: I John 1:5-7 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that **God is light**, and **in him is no darkness at all**. ⁶ If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: ⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

John 1:4-10 ⁴ In him was life; and the life was the light of men. ⁵ And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. ⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ The same came for a witness, **to bear witness of the Light**, that all men through him might believe. ⁸ He was not that Light, but was sent **to bear witness of that Light**. ⁹ That was the **true Light**, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.

Introduction: This sermon "GOD IS LIGHT" is the 3rd sermon in the unplanned sermon series entitled "GOD IS". The 1st was "GOD IS A SPIRIT" (we must worship him in Spirit and in Truth), The 2nd was "GOD IS LOVE". Now, we want to look at the bible's proclamation that "GOD IS LIGHT".

I. God is Light and TRUTH-- True Source of TRUTH --1st Notice, the bible doesn't say: God is one of many lights -as in- there are many lights or many paths that led to eternity!

****GOD IS LIGHT-** meaning there is only one True Light.

John 1:9 states, "the **true Light**, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world."

Christianity 101—There is a Kingdom of Darkness and there is a Kingdom of Light

- **Old Testament False Idols:** Golden Calf, Baal, Dagon, Rau, Molech, Chemosh, Asherah, etc.,
- **Modern Day False Religions:** *Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, Folk Religion (regional ancestral beliefs, i.e. Alaskan Natives), Communism, etc.*
- **America's False Lights of Today:** *Formal Religions of Various Denominations, Atheism, Global Earth Worship, Money, Worldly Pleasure, & Personal Opinion about God (personal opinion- a god that is not based upon the bible but is based upon a warped personal belief or opinion of who God is and how God works. Not the God of the bible but a man-made god of their own making).*

***** God (Jesus) is the TRUE and only Light of the world*****

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II. God is Light; therefore, He is the Greatest Force in the Universe

-OUR SUN- A feeble example to relate the Greatness of God to Mankind

NASA-SOLAR SYSTEM EXPLORATION (information source) --The Sun is a hot glowing ball of hydrogen and helium at the center of our solar system. It's about 93 million miles from Earth and it's our solar system's only star. Without the Sun's energy, life as we know it could not exist on our home planet. The Sun is the largest object in our solar system. Its gravity holds the solar system together, keeping everything from the biggest planets to the smallest bits of debris in orbit around it.

Sun Facts:

- 109 times larger than the earth-if the size of the sun was scaled down to the size of a typical front door, earth's relative size would be the size of a nickel. **(fit 1.3 million earths in the sun)**
- Sun Circumference = 2,715,396 miles – Earth's Circumference = 24,874 miles

(Personal calculation—If traveling nonstop around each circumference @ 60 mph/24 hours per day; EARTH would be circled in 17 days/6.5 hours--SUN in 1,886 days or 5 years, 60 days/14hours)

- Estimated Escape Velocity: Earth = 25,031 mph, Sun = 1,381,756 mph or **55 times greater**
- Mass of the sun: 333,000 times the mass of the Earth or **984 Jupiters will fit inside the mass of the sun**
The sun contains **99 percent of the mass of the entire solar system**, leading astronomers Imke de Pater and Jack J. Lissauer, authors of the textbook Planetary Sciences, to refer to the solar system as "the sun plus some debris"

Jesus is the CREATOR of the Sun; therefore, he is FAR GREATER THAN HIS CREATION!

Hebrews 3:1-4 Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus; ² Who was faithful to him that appointed him, as also Moses was faithful in all his house. ³ For this man was counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as he who hath builded the house hath more honour than the house. ⁴ For every house is builded by some man; but he that built all things is God.

******HE (JESUS) IS OUR ETERNAL LIGHT AND ETERNAL SOURCE OF LIFE**

III. God is Light; therefore, HE is an Essential Ingredient for all Life

John 15:1-6 I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. ² Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. ³ Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. ⁴ Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. ⁶ If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.

IV. God is Light; therefore, He is Energy and Power (by definition) Light is Not Matter-Light is Energy

- Light travels @ 186,000 MPS---light can travel around the equator 7.5 times in 1 second

Matthew 28:18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, **All power** is given unto me *in heaven and in earth*. *****There is no Source of Power in the universe liken unto Christ*****

Psalms 104:1-5 Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honour and majesty. ² Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment: who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain..who maketh the clouds his chariot: who walketh upon the wings of the wind.⁴ Who maketh his angels spirits; his ministers a flaming fire: ⁵ Who laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed for ever.

V. CLOSING: God is Light; therefore, He is our source of Longevity and Eternal Life

Isaiah 60:19-20 The sun shall be no more thy light by day; neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee: but the LORD shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory. ²⁰ Thy sun shall no more go down; neither shall thy moon withdraw itself: for the LORD shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended.

Revelation 21:23-26 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. ²⁴ 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. ²⁵ And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there. ²⁶ And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it.

PROMISE OF ETERNAL LIFE--John 10:27-30 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: ²⁸ And **I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish**, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. ³⁰ I and my Father are one.

Jesus is Light Bible References:

John 8:12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, **I am the light of the world:** he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

Isaiah 9:2 The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

Matthew 4:16 The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up.

Ephesians 4:6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

I Peter 2:9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him *who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light*;

John 3:19-21 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. ²⁰ For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. ²¹ But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

Isaiah 60:1-5 Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee. ² For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. ³ And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising. ⁴ Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together, they come to thee: thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at thy side. ⁵ Then thou shalt see, and flow together, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee.