

# Jesus: Light of The World

Jn.8:12

- The Progressive Light
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- The Life-Giving Light
- The Light of Hope

The lessons is entitled, “**Jesus: Light of the World**”, in which we’ll be looking at John 8:12.

Imagine the scene of [Jn.8:1-2](#), where...

- “Jesus went unto the mount of Olives.  
2 And early in the morning, He came again into the temple,  
and all the people came unto Him; and He sat down, and **TAUGHT** them.”

Then remarkable words from [Jn.8:12](#) (cf Jn.1:4), which we should Ponder well.

- Jesus said, “**I AM** the **LIGHT** of the world:  
he that **FOLLOWETH** Me, shall **NOT** walk in darkness,  
but shall have, the **Light of LIFE**.”

His every "I AM", is followed by something, that you and I can-not do without, except to our eternal spiritual loss. The is Not natural light, or sun sufficient, but Spiritual Light.

Jesus is the Fountain of Light and Life.

Without Him, is darkness.

- “For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye **LIGHT** in the Lord: **WALK** as children of Light!” ([Eph.5:8](#))

From Jn.8:12, Jesus said, “He that Followeth Me”, which is the,

## I. Progressive Light

### A. He Moves Always Onward

The Bible said long ago,

- “the Lord went BEFORE them, by day in a pillar of a cloud, to Lead them THE WAY;  
and by night in a pillar of fire, to Give them LIGHT; to go by day and night:  
22 He took not away the pillar of the cloud by day,  
nor the pillar of fire by night, from before the people.” ([Exodus 13:21-22](#))

The Lord Goes BEFORE, To Make the Way Plain.

...So, we follow, NOT precede.

### B. We Should Keep Moving

...Don’t let rust, slothfulness, or unfaithfulness, set in.

- “But **GROW** in **GRACE**, and in the **KNOWLEDGE**, of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.  
To Him be glory, both now and for ever. Amen.” ([2Pet.3:18](#))
- “Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye **STEDFAST**, **UN**moveable,  
always ABOUNDING, in the work of the Lord,  
forasmuch as ye know, that your **LABOUR**, is **NOT** in vain, **IN the Lord**.” ([1Cor.15:58](#))

**We should, Pray, Study, Grow, Serve, and Be Active.**

- Pauls said, “Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always OBEYED,  
**NOT** as in my presence only, **BUT** now much more in my absence,  
**WORK OUT**, your own SALVATION, with **FEAR** and **TREMBLING**.” ([Phil.2:12](#))

So, we Need to **Be Sure**, we Move IN THE LIGHT.

- “**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.” ([1Jn.1:7](#))

From Jn.8:12, Jesus said, “**Shall Not Walk In Darkness**”.

So, if we Follow Him, we have the...

## II. Light of Safety

By LIGHT, things are Discerned, so we can See the Way.

### A. There's Danger in the Dark

...Pitfalls, snares, and enemies are invisible.

- Jesus said, “Yet a little while, is the **LIGHT** with you. **WALK** while ye **HAVE** the **LIGHT**, lest **darkness** **COME** upon you: for he that walketh in **DARKNESS**, knoweth **NOT** whither he goeth.” ([Jn.12:35](#))
- “If we **SAY** that we have fellowship **WITH** Him, and Walk **IN** darkness, we **LIE**, and **Do NOT** the **Truth**.” ([1Jn.1:6](#))
- “Whosoever transgresseth (or sins), and abideth **NOT** in the doctrine of Christ, **hath NOT God**. He that abideth **IN** the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.” ([2Jn.vs.9](#))

**Only LIGHT can remove darkness.**

...NOT philosophy, science, literature, power, or wealth.

- “For we wrestle **NOT AGAINST** flesh and blood, **BUT AGAINST** principalities, **AGAINST** powers, **AGAINST** the rulers of the darkness of this world, **AGAINST** spiritual wickedness in high places.” ([Eph.6:12](#))

**Jesus is the CONTRAST to darkness.**

- “For such an high priest **BECAME** us, Who is Holy, Harmless, UNdefiled, **SEPARATE** from sinners, (which implies separate from darkness), and made **HIGHER** than the heavens;” ([Heb.7:26](#))

**Jesus, is also the REMEDY for us.**

- “forasmuch as ye know, that ye were **NOT** redeemed with **CORRUPTIBLE** things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation (or vain conduct), received by tradition from your fathers; <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:” ([1Pet.1:18-19](#))

One man wrote,

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• “The whole world was lost, in the darkness of sin; Like sunshine at noonday, His glory shone in.” (The Light of the World is Jesus” by Philip P. Bliss)</li></ul> |
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**The Light, WARNS of Danger, and LEADS to Safety.**

- Therefore, “**PUT ON** the whole **ARMOUR** of God, that ye may be **ABLE** to stand, **AGAINST** the wiles of the devil.” ([Eph.6:11](#))

Truly, Safety is **IN** the **LIGHT**.

- “**Thy Word**, is a **LAMP** unto my feet, and a **LIGHT** unto my path.” ([Psa.119:105](#))

Jesus prayed to the Father,

- “**SANCTIFY** them (or make them holy) through Thy **TRUTH**: Thy **WORD** is Truth.” ([Jn.17:17](#))

Like car lights on a dark night,  
The LIGHT, does not reveal, all of the distant future, but...

## B. Gives Guidance, for Each Step of The Way

We do **NOT** know, **WHAT** tomorrow holds,  
but we **DO** know, **WHO** holds tomorrow.

- “for **BY Him** were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: **ALL THINGS** were created **BY Him**, and **FOR Him**:<sup>17</sup> and **He is BEFORE** all things, and **BY Him** all things **CONSIST**.” ([Col.1:16-17](#))
- Truly, “...He **MADE** the worlds;<sup>3</sup> Who being the brightness of His glory, and the express image of His person, and **UPHOLDING** all things, **BY the Word, of His power**,” ([Heb.1:2-3](#))
- Therefore, “...I am **NOT** ashamed: for I **KNOW Whom**, I have **BELIEVED**, and am **PERSUADED** that **He is ABLE**, to **KEEP** that, which I have **COMMITTED** unto Him, against that day.” ([2Tim.1:12b](#))

The hymnal, "One Step At A Time, Dear Savior" (by Thomas J. Shelton)  
Should be our attitude, as we...

- “Let (our) conversation (or conduct) be without covetousness; and **Be CONTENT** with such things as ye **HAVE**: for He hath said, I will **NEVER LEAVE** thee, **Nor FORSAKE** thee.” ([Heb.13:5](#))

From Jn.8:12, Jesus said, “Shall Have The Light of Life”, which is the,

## III. The Life-Giving Light

### A. Jesus Came To Give Life

- The Bible says, “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**.” ([Matt.4:16](#))
- “The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: **I AM COME** (Jesus said) that they might Have **LIFE**, and that they might have it, **More ABUNDANTLY**.” ([Jn.10:10](#))
- “**IN Him was** **LIFE**; and the Life, was the **LIGHT** of men.” ([Jn.1:4](#))
- “Therefore we are **BURIED** with Him, By **BAPTISM** into DEATH: that like as Christ was **RAISED UP**, from the dead, by the glory of the Father, even so, we also should **WALK** in newness of **LIFE**.” ([Rom.6:4](#))

To sinners, the Life-Giving Light, brings...

### B. LIGHT of Forgiveness and Holiness

...for Gentiles, as well as Jews.

- “He is the **Propitiation** (or Atoning Sacrifice) for our sins: and **NOT** for ours only, **BUT** also for the sins, of the whole world.” ([1Jn.2:2](#))
- John said, “Behold the **LAMB of God**, which **TAKETH** Away the sin, of the world.” ([Jn.1:29](#))
- “But we see Jesus, Who was made a little lower than the angels, for the **SUFFERING** of death, **CROWNED** with glory and honour; that He by the **GRACE of God**, should **TASTE** Death for every man.” ([Heb.2:9](#))

**Reconciliation can only occur in His body.**

- The Bible says, “that He might **RECONCILE** both (that is, both Jew and Gentile) unto God, **IN ONE BODY**, By the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:” ([Eph.2:16](#))

In the physical realm, we have ONE sun (s-u-n).

Likewise, in the spiritual realm, we have ONE Son (s-o-n).

The Bible says,

- “There is **ONE** body, and **ONE** Spirit, even as ye are called in **ONE** hope of your **CALLING**;  
<sup>5</sup> **ONE** Lord, **ONE** faith, **ONE** baptism,<sup>6</sup> **ONE** God and Father of **ALL**,  
**Who** is **ABOVE** all, and **THROUGH** all, and **IN** you **ALL**.” (reads [Eph.4:4-6](#))

The apostles were told to,

- “**GO** ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.  
<sup>16</sup> He that believeth **AND** is baptized, shall be **SAVED**;  
but he that believeth **NOT**, shall be **DAMNED**.” ([Mk.16:15-16](#))
- “For ye are **ALL** the children of God, By faith **IN Christ Jesus**.  
<sup>27</sup> For **AS** many of you, **AS** Have been Baptized **INTO Christ**, have **PUT ON Christ**.” ([Gal.3:26-27](#))

Seen IN, “I AM The Light...”, from Jn.8:12, is the...

## IV. Light of Hope

Job expressed,

### A. Age-old thoughts

- [Job 14:1-2](#) reads, “Man that is **BORN of a woman**, is of few days, and **Full of TROUBLE**.  
<sup>2</sup> He **COMETH** forth like a flower, and is **CUT DOWN**:  
he **FLEETH** also as a shadow, and **Continueth NOT**.”
- Job said, “**IF** a man **DIE**, shall he **Live AGAIN?**” ([Job 14:14a](#))

### B. This Mystery was Not Solved, Until Christ Came

- Jesus said, “**I AM** He that **LIVETH**, and was dead; and, behold, **I AM ALIVE** for **EVERMORE**, Amen;  
and Have the **KEYS** of hell and of death.” ([Rev.1:18](#))

In His resurrection, He gave a mighty demonstration, which answers the question, of the ages.

- Our Savior Jesus Christ “...hath **ABOLISHED** **Death**,  
and hath **BROUGHT** Life and immortality to **LIGHT**, through the **Gospel**.” ([2Tim.1:10b](#))

**The Bible says that, Christ will conquer death for us.**

- “For as **IN** Adam all die, even so **IN Christ**, shall **ALL** be made **ALIVE**.” ([1Cor.15:22](#))

But without **LIGHT**, we would not have knowledge of the resurrection, which we now have.

- “Marvel not at this: for the hour is **COMING**, in the which **ALL** that are in the graves shall **HEAR His voice**,  
<sup>29</sup> and shall **COME forth**; they that have **DONE Good**, unto the Resurrection of **LIFE**;  
and they that have **DONE Evil**, unto the Resurrection of **DAMNATION**.” ([Jn.5:28-29](#))
- “And these shall **GO Away** into everlasting **PUNISHMENT**:  
but the **RIGHTEOUS** into Life **ETERNAL**.” ([Matt.25:46](#))

Truly, what a Glorious Light of hope, we have!

- Therefore, we should be, “**LOOKING** for that blessed HOPE, and the glorious APPEARING of the **GREAT God**, and our **SAVIOUR Jesus Christ;**” ([Titus 2:13](#))
- “For we know that, **IF** our **EARTHLY House** of this tabernacle, were **DISSOLVED**, we have a **BUILDING of God**, an house NOT Made with hands, **ETERNAL** in the heavens.” ([2Cor.5:1](#))
- “Beloved, **NOW** are we the sons of God, and it **Doth NOT** yet appear **WHAT** we shall Be: but we know that, **WHEN** He shall Appear, we shall **BE LIKE Him**; for we shall **SEE Him** as **He IS.**” ([1Jn.3:2](#))

### C. He is also the LIGHT of Heaven

John wrote that,

- “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.” ([Rev.21:23](#))

No need of the sunlight in heaven, we're TOLD,  
The Lamb is the **LIGHT** of the City of GOLD.

## V. IN-CLOSING

Jesus: Light of The World.  
Eternal light, that can never be extinguished.

Our duty, is to adore the LIGHT:

- “Oh, Sun of our day, Oh, Star of our NIGHT,  
We walk by Thy ray, we live in Thy **LIGHT**;  
  
Shine on us ever: Kind, Gracious, and WISE.  
And never be hid, from our **EYES.**” (“The World's True Light” by Thomas Toke Lynch)

Christ is the LIGHT of the world;  
He is also the light of every individual, who will COME to Him.

Do we walk in the LIGHT?

- The Bible says, “this is the condemnation, that **LIGHT** is come into the world, and men **LOVED** darkness, **RATHER** than light, **BECAUSE** their deeds were **EVIL**.  
<sup>20</sup> For every one that **DOETH** evil, **HATETH** the light, **NEITHER** cometh to the **LIGHT**, lest his deeds should be **REPROVED**. <sup>21</sup> But he that **DOETH** Truth cometh to the **LIGHT**, that his **DEEDS** may be made manifest, that they are **Wrought** (or worked) **IN God.**” ([Jn.3:19-21](#))

If not, Begin now.

- “Therefore if any man be **IN Christ**, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.” ([2Cor.5:17](#))
- “For as many of you, as have been Baptized **INTO Christ**, have **PUT ON Christ.**” ([Gal.3:27](#))

Come without delay, while together, we stand and sing.

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