

## Jesus Christ – The Light of the World

### Introduction

- A. When Jesus Christ said, "I am the Light of the World" in John 6:12, He meant that He was the fullness and source of all Truth, Holiness and Love.
- B. This is a reminder that the most important relationship in life is related to the Lord Jesus. To believe and receive Him brings one into possession of vast treasure. Those who fail to accept Him may appear to have all – but are without life itself.

### I. The Meaning of the Statement: Jesus Christ the Light of the World.

- A. He is the source of all light, John 1:4,9.

In Him was life and the life was the light of men . . . That was the true Light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

- B. He is Himself all that light symbolizes, 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.

- C. He as light is the opposite of all darkness, I John 1:5.

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.

Observation: In spite of the unbelief and emptiness of the human heart – Truth, Holiness and Love do exist. These most important and valuable of all virtues are reality and revealed in the Person of Jesus Christ. The empty gropings of the human heart with its vain catalogue of substitutes can find satisfaction only in the Person of Jesus Christ.

### II. The Explanation of the Statement: Jesus Christ the Light of the World.

- A. God's light is revealed by creation and revelation, Psalm 36:9.

For with Thee is the fountain of life; in Thy light shall we see light.

- B. The revelation of light divides all mankind, John 3:19-21.

And this is the condemnation that light is come into the world and man loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reprov'd. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

- C. In salvation the believer becomes a child of light, Eph. 5:8. (Col. 1:12)

For ye were sometimes darkness but now are ye light in the Lord; walk (live) as children of light.

Observation: This revelation of light, reflected so dimly in the human heart, shines brightly in and through the Scripture. This is why the non-Christian and the disobedient Christian tend to shun the reading and the proclamation of the Bible. In Believing on Jesus Christ we are transformed within.

III. The Bachortation Related to the Statement: Jesus Christ the Light of the World

A. The Christian is to let his light shine, Matthew 5:14-16.

Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

B. The Christian is to live according to the light, John 12:35,36\*

Then Jesus said unto them, 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\* While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light \* \* \* •

C. The Christian is to wear the light as an armor, Romans 13:12.

The night is far spent, the day is at hand; let us therefore cast off the works of darkness and let us put on the armor of light.

Observation: The light of God, in the Person of Jesus Christ, demands decisions which relate to all facets of our life. These must be practical in character and then carried out in the activity of daily life.

IV. The Warnings Related to the Statement: Jesus Christ the light of the World.

A. The necessity of honesty, Luke 11:34.

The light of the body is the eye, therefore when thine eye is single, thy whole body also is full of light, but when thine eye is evil, thy body also is full of darkness.

B. The necessity of discernment, II Cor. 11:14.

And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

C. The necessity of obedience, I John 1:6. (I John 2:9,11)

If we say that we have fellowship with Him and walk (live) in darkness, we lie and do not the truth.

Observation: Since Jesus Christ is the light of the world – the only right response to Him would be that of an honest surrender to His Lordship. Such a response would result in a discerning and consistent obedience to His Word.

V. The Promises Related to the Statement: Jesus Christ the Light of the World.

A. The believer may have "the light of life", 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.

B. The believer may be a "light-bearer", Philippians 2:15,16.

. . . . Among whom ye shine as lights in the world; holding forth the Word of life . . . .

Conclusion: Obedience results in fellowship and cleansing, I John 1:7.

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