

When Light is Most Needed

Life-Changing Light

Darkness and light right now

Light can momentarily be a game-changer.

Darkness & light matter over the long haul

Not just a game-changer, an E_____ life-changer.

Light makes all the difference.

Then Jesus told them, “You are going to have the light just a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, before darkness overtakes you.

Whoever walks in the dark does not know where they are going.

Believe in the light while you have the light, so that you may become children of light.” John 12:35-36

Jesus was talking about His physical presence in the world.

But not only about that. He was talking to us also.

He implies that the world seems to have seasons of light and darkness. Not as predictable as the sunrise and sunset.

Also, some people live as “C_____ of light”.

We can follow them and they will lead us closer to God.

But many live as children of darkness.

It matters who we follow. “Clear it with the Spirit.”

Short-term & Long-term effects

One life – in S_____ of darkness and light:

Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord’s disciples...

As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute Me?” “Who are You, Lord?” Saul asked.

“I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,” He replied. “Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.”

The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything....

Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul’s eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

Acts 9:1-19

Light was life-changing for Paul (though not immediately).

What’s your story? Have you asked God for His light?

Light & Truth – the U_____ Difference

*This is the message we have heard from Him and declare to you: **God is light**; in Him there is no darkness at all.*

If we claim to have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth.

*But **if we walk in the light**, as He is in the light, **we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin**.* 1 John 1:5-7

God is... (adjectives and nouns)

More important than what we claim is how we W_____.

In fellowship with other believers

What does your walk say about your relationship with light and darkness?

Three words for you?

Purifies us from all sin – This is precisely how God makes us F_____ for H_____.

Ask Him for this now.

Lord, I want to walk with You in the light. I love You more than the darkness I know so well. Please purify me from all sin. I believe this is what You made possible on the cross. And though I don’t deserve it, I need it. Please purify me.

Next Steps

- 1) Ask someone you know how they have come to God.
- 2) Be honest about what three words you think others would use to describe who you are.
- 3) Give your whole self to God. Pray: “Lord I want to walk with You in the light... Please purify me.” 2/23/2025