

GOD IS LIGHT#1

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God is Light. Anyone who is in darkness can only ask the Light for one thing and that is for the Light to come into his or her life. There is no other petition they can ask of Him. Light and darkness have nothing in common; they have no communication (**2 Cor. 6:14**). Yet He says I can have confidence that whatever I ask in the name of Jesus, of the Father, according to His will, I could be confident that I have it.

It means that I am going to have to be light talking to light. The only prayer the sinner can pray that God hears is, "God, I am a sinner. Forgive me for my sin. Amen!" God is merciful to a sinner; God is merciful to the righteous and the unrighteous alike (**Ex. 33:19; Matt 9:13; Mark 2:17; Luke 5:32**).

Confidence in Christ comes from the Word, and as the Word comes, life begins to be revealed to us. It's all written in the Book of Life, isn't it? Let's go to **I John 1:1**.

1 John 1:1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life;

John, the Beloved, had some revelation, didn't he? He was the same one that wrote,

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

The same Holy Ghost says in **Gen 1:1**,

Gen 1:1 In the beginning, God created...

There is a reason for saying that, not just to fill up space, but **in the beginning it has to be God!** You can't begin from any other point and expect to ever please God.

You can't put your program in there and start from your program; it won't work. You can't put a personality in there and start with a personality; **you must start with God. That's where God starts; God starts with God.** That's where we must start - everything about us must be God. Let's look at **1 John 1:1-10**.

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1 John 1:1-2 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life; (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and show unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)

Paul said, ". . .that the life of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh" (**2 Cor. 4:11**). John says the same thing: "We are showing you that eternal life. You don't have to just hear about it; you can see it in us."

1 John 1:3 That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

He was writing to the church. Sometimes all you have is relationship, and that is good; being saved is a relationship. Then there is an acquaintanceship, next there is a friendship, and the final step is fellowship. Fellowship means walking in an equal part with Him. It means that we really believe and have confessed, and we have faith that we are joint-heirs with Christ. A joint- heir doesn't mean half and half; it means total ownership of all there is.

John didn't say we were to have fellowship with the Baptist, Lutheran, or Methodist, or any other Church, but with the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ.

1 John 1:4-6 And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full. This then is the message which we have heard of him and declared unto you, that God is light and in him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

For years all I had with the Father was a relationship. I didn't really have any fellowship with Him. I had important things that had to be done. I had acquaintanceship with Him; it was nice to spend a little time with Him. Then I had a friendship with Him. I could tell you a little more about Him and we spent a little more time together. But when we have true fellowship with Him, we become one with Him. **We walk in a unity that Jesus and the Father had. The Father and I, we are one. We are having fellowship together.**

You can put all kinds of names on the Church - The Fellowship of the Believers, The Fellowship of Grace, or The Fellowship of this, but it doesn't mean anything. The Church is supposed to be a body of people who have fellowship with one another, but they often are fighting one another, arguing, backbiting, complaining, and murmuring. They possibly have a relationship, they have been born of the same Father, but they certainly do not have a fellowship where they share all things equally.

1 John 1:7 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.

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"But if we walk in the light..." notice this, "... as He is in the light..." There is no darkness in Him; He is all light isn't He. He is pure light. Man of his own flesh works can not come into that light; but we in the Spirit of God have been invited to be exactly like that by becoming the light of the world, manifesting everything. Look at it; "...but if we walk in the light..." not crawl, or creep around, or roll around, but "if we **walk in the light** as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another."

The Word says that the only time we are really going to have fellowship is when we walk in the pure light of God; when there is no other motive in our heart except the love of God. And whatever we do, whether it be a charitable work, or whether we give of our bodies to be burned, feeding the poor, feeding the hungry, the only motive we have in there is charity - the love of God in action in us. Paul said that if that is missing, "I am become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal. I am nothing" (**1 Cor. 13:1-13**).

You can come to church but what is the motive of it. You can go out to the mission field, you can go out into the highways and byways, you can go start a Church; but if the motive is not in the love of God, then you are going out there to build a ministry. You are going out there because people will think something of you. Forget it! You are not in fellowship yet. The only reason we should do anything is because of the love of God.

If the light is there it manifests a need, doesn't it. You see the need and you say, "Lord that person needs help," and your heart is touched by it. Or you can go out there and preach to fifteen million people and start writing a newsletter to everybody and say, "Now, I want you to contribute to my great ministry. I have fifteen million souls I preached to this last month. I have reached fifteen billion people all over the world."

Or you can just be that person that goes out every day on the street leading somebody to Jesus. Nobody ever hears about you but you are really happy. You have total fellowship with Jesus and you have confidence because you are both walking in the light; there is nothing hid from Him.

There is no dark spot in you; you are without spot, without blemish, without wrinkle. You are walking in that pure white linen; you are walking in the purest of heart. That is when you have fellowship one with another. True fellowship is when two people can come together in the same realm and equally share together.

God wants you in the God realm, doesn't He; sharing equally with Him and all that He has for you. The man Jesus thought it not robbery to be equal with God (**Phil 2:6**), to be like Him, because He didn't create Himself. God created Him (**Matt 1:20-21; Luke 1:35**). He never made Himself anything; God made Him what He was and what He is.

God has made us what we are except we have to grow up into it. We should begin to

rejoice in the Lord because the light is come and has shined into our hearts (**2 Cor. 4:6**), and God wants us to have nothing to do with darkness or have darkness in any part of us. He wants our spirit, our soul, and our body to be blameless in the day of the coming of the Lord (**1 Thess. 5:23**). Isn't that great! But it is going to take a pure light, isn't it.

1 John 1:7-8 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, cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

Paul said, "In my flesh there dwelleth no good thing" (Rom 7:18). He said there is sin in that flesh realm.

1 John 1:9-10 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

He brought all men under sin that all men might be saved. Sin came in through Adam. Everyone who was born in the Adamic nature had sin in the old nature man. That is why you have to reckon him dead, why you have to put him away. He's in darkness. But God is bringing forth a new creation that is made in pure light. So if we walk in the light as He is in the light, then we have fellowship one with another. If you really want to have a church fellowship, you won't need to put a sign on it.

In the Upper Room there were about one hundred and twenty persons in prayer and supplication. They had true fellowship; they were all in one accord. The Holy Ghost filled all of them and tongues of fire came upon them. Peter stood up and preached the gospel and three thousand souls were added to the church that day (**Acts chap.2**). Why? Because they were having fellowship. They were all in one place in one accord.

The Holy Spirit had the preeminence. He was there. He began to fill them with His presence and He began to preach Jesus Christ through Peter. All one hundred and twenty of them had three thousand souls added to their account that day. That's what a joint-heir has; he has all of what everybody else has.

God has it all and He will give it all to you. But if we have any other motive in our heart, then there is a spot in there, isn't there. We are not really confident that God will do what He said; we are always worried about failure. We are always worrying about it falling in on us. We are always worried that maybe we can't hold it up long enough. We are always worried about making it work.

In true life you don't need to make it work. When that light has really come into your life you don't try to make anything work. You just go out in the name of Jesus and He makes it work through you. You go out in the Spirit of God and He works through you. It's the work of the Spirit anyhow. It's His work working through us the works of God.

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We are going to have true fellowship only when we walk in the same light. I don't mind having a relationship with the body of Christ. I think it's wonderful to have little brothers and sisters. I really do; I enjoy them. I love acquaintanceship with the family of God. We don't stay together very long; we just talk a little and that is it.

And then there is a nice friendship, a little longer. **But that real fellowship, oh, that's sweet.** You don't ever want to go anywhere; you just don't want to part from it. They got so caught up in fellowship in the beginning, just after the Day of Pentecost, that they

went from house to house breaking bread; they didn't want to leave. They lived together, they enjoyed one another, they were partakers together of the divine nature of Christ, the Spirit of God that had been poured out. One light was seen. The word says that when we begin to walk where God wants us to, we are going to have real fellowship, and we'll be talking about the Lord.

In Luke 10:17 the disciples were rejoicing over the devils being subject to them, and they were really having a good time, weren't they. But they were not really walking in fellowship. Jesus said, "Don't rejoice over that. I'm going to give you something to have real fellowship over. Rejoice because your names are written in Heaven." That is where fellowship starts and where fellowship ends, right in the Book. It's all in the Book; it's written there. Your life is written of the Lord; it is ordered of the Lord.

He says, "I want you to have life; I want you to walk in true life, not false life." Satan himself would transform his messengers as angels of life, which is a fake life, a false life. Just like there is the true vine and there is a vine of the earth also which is the fake vine (**Rev 14:18-20**). People counterfeit everything that's real or any good. They spend more time counterfeiting hundred-dollar bills than they do one-dollar bills. You should have a life that is so beautiful, so perfect, so righteous in the sight of God that men want what it is and will not settle for its substitute or a counterfeit.

That's what Paul was saying, "Though I can work every miracle, understand all mysteries, have faith to remove all mountains and have not the love of God in me, I'm counterfeit. Tinkling cymbal, sounding brass."

If we are going to have fellowship with one another, we are going to have to start walking in the light as He is in the light, and in Him is no darkness at all. So what happens when you find a little darkness in you? You get rid of it right now. The minute a thought that is not right with God tries to attack your mind, get rid of it; don't entertain it. Get rid of it right now. Any time you start to meditate on something that doesn't glorify God, the end result doesn't bring glory to the Lord; forget it. Move on. That's why I tell people to read the word of God, study the word of God, get into the word of God, because the more you put this into your heart, the more that light is going to shine - brighter, and brighter, and brighter unto the perfect day. But if you don't have anything in there you are going to be like a 7 1/2 watt light bulb. There is a little light in there but not enough.

God wants you to be filled with light. He said, "If your eye be single⁵ then shall your whole body be filled with light. But if your eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness" (**Matt 6:22-23**). Evil means wickedness. The Lord is saying that we have a righteous place in God, and the reason we are not really moving where God wants us to move is because we have not let the light illuminate the Word of God to us.

Let's look at **Eph 1:16-18**:

Eph 1:16-18 Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers, 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; The eyes of your under-standing being enlightened...

God said, "I want to enlighten your understanding. I want to illuminate it. I want to make known to you all that I have prepared for you and make you to know what good things you can have right now." This comes by the Spirit and if you have never spent any time with the Spirit of God, if you have never spent any time in the Word of God, He has nothing to illuminate. **If you haven't filled yourself with the Word of God, what is He going to illuminate? Your understanding is according to the Word of God.**

God has given you the Word so you could fill yourself with it; then God could breath on it, put it in the Spirit and illuminate you with it. There is no reason for us to walk in darkness. There is no reason for us to stumble, because we are children of the light.

Paul was talking to the church at Ephesus of which the Lord would say in **Rev 2:4:**

Rev 2:4 I have somewhat against thee, because you have left your first love.

They lost the illumination; the light was gone. He said that all the works that they had done were great and wonderful and mighty; but when the love is gone, the life is gone. When the life is gone, the light is gone. Everything is gone when the love is gone.

God was saying through Paul, "I want you to understand something. I am not praying for you to get a new car or a better house. I am praying for you that you have the eyes of your understanding illuminated." God will add to you what you need as you seek the Kingdom of God. If you need a new car, God will make a way for it to be there. If you need a better home, God will make a way for it to be there; but why do we labor for things that perish. Why do we spend money on that which does not satisfy? (**Is. 55:2; John 6:27**)

Let your eyes become enlightened to see that the only thing that matters is the Kingdom of God and to grow up into it. Let the mind of Christ enlighten your understanding, and

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begin to realize in your heart that the only important thing in the whole world is Jesus Christ. If you need something, God has already made a way for it to be taken care of.

Eph 1:18-19 The eyes of your under-standing being enlightened; 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 to usward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,

It is His power. It is His Spirit. It is His heart. It is His riches. Everything is His.

Why should I seek things that bind me? Why not be loosed from all the cares of this life and begin to seek the Kingdom of God and the things that please Him. The way that I am going to do that is I am going to have some light shine on that Word of God until it becomes Spirit and light to me.

We need to begin to pray more wisely. Paul was always praying for the Spirit man; always praying that they would grow up in the Lord; that Christ would be born in them.

We need to have the true light of God working in us. Jesus never sought anything in the world. He came to bring something the world didn't have. He came to bring life; He came to bring light; He came to bring love; and He came to bring forgiveness of sin to all men.

He wasn't concerned with what kind of donkey He was going to ride. When He needed one to ride into Jerusalem to fulfill the scripture in **Zech 9:9**, He told the disciples to go ahead and get it (**Matt 21:2**). He said, "If any man asks why you want it, say that the Lord has need of it." They brought back that ass, put His garments on it, and He rode into town. As far as I can see He didn't even have the pink slip to it in the natural. He owned it because He was God.

God is saying to us "Everything is yours; why do you labor for it. Why don't you go out and begin to take the Kingdom of God to somebody. I will be sure you have a way to get there and that you have enough food."

But we want a way to get there and back. Jesus wasn't coming back from Jerusalem; He was going up. Sometimes we waste our money by getting a way back, when we could have invested it all in the Kingdom as we are going. We try to figure it out, don't we? We want to provide for ourselves, and yet **Matt 6:34** tells us to take no thought for tomorrow. I'm here today but I have no guarantee that I am going to be here tomorrow. If God cancels tomorrow, I won't protest one bit.

God is saying, "I have a way of praying that is right. I have already made provision for the outer man; now what I want is for the inner man to grow up into everything that I have for him. I want him to grow up in My Kingdom. I want the Kingdom of God to fill

him and him to fill that Kingdom. I want him to know everything I've done for him."

The Lord said that we have to have the enlightenment, the illumination. We have to have 'God is light' in our life - the light that we walk by." **God is Light.**

Matt 5:14 says, "You are the light of the world." I've heard it preached that means reflected light. No! He said, "If your eye be single your whole body shall be filled (not with reflection) but with light" (**Matt 6:22**), and that light is the light of the world. You are exactly what Jesus said you are - don't add anything to it.

He is the light of the world; you are the light. He is healing all nations; you're healing all nations. He is a blessing to all nations; you're a blessing to all nations. You are His seed, you are His generation, you are His people.

1 Peter 2:9 talks about that generation, the CHOSEN GENERATION - not generations. A span of time, from the time a thing begins until it's concluded, is a generation.

So here the Lord said, "I want to give you some light, illuminate you, until you can come into true fellowship with Me." True fellowship! I love that. All we talk about is the Lord; all we have to glorify is the Lord.

Jesus just went around talking about the Kingdom, talking about His Father, didn't He? Everything He did, the works He did, testify of the Father. The words He spoke testify of the Father. Why? Because He was the light of the world.

We are to walk in the likeness of His resurrection. We are to go out and do the same works and greater works. But we are not going to do the same works until we become enlightened in the Word of God.

Father, we thank you for the love of God. Lord, we are the light of the world. Let us begin to be filled with that total light - our whole body, Lord. Let our eye be single to behold only one, and that is Jesus Christ and Him high and lifted up. Let Him fill our temple. Amen!