GOD IS LIGHT#3

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This message is the third in the series of "God is Light." Let's see what **Galatians 5:16** and verse **25** say:

Gal 5:16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

Gal 5:25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

If you never read about it, if you never understand it, if you never have the word of God in your heart, you are not going to be able to walk in it and enjoy it. Let us grow up so we can walk a little bit. The only way it is going to come is like salvation. When you heard, you knew in your heart that you were a sinner. You repented and God gave you salvation. I want you to know that it's always His salvation. David said, "Restore unto me the joy of <u>thy</u> salvation" (**Ps. 51:12**). It all belongs to Him; I am only here by His invitation. The word came to me and it brought life and light, and began to bring a little love into my heart.

I couldn't just stay on the foundation; I had to begin to build. There is only one foundation you can build on, and Christians are building on that foundation all right, but a lot of them are building wood, hay, and stubble. When the fire tries that work, they will be saved but their rewards will be totally lost.

I want some rewards, but the only way I can build in the Kingdom of God is by light. I can't create in darkness, ignorance, and misunderstanding. I can only create in light as Jesus did. God created in the light. You will build and create in the light. Do nothing in secret; everything must be done openly (**Luke 8:17**).

If nothing is happening in your life it is probably because there isn't a whole lot of light in there. There is still a lot of self. But as you begin to walk in the Kingdom of God and enjoy the presence of the Lord, you will find illumination begin to happen. You will find there is a fire that begins to consume you.

Jesus said in Luke 12:49 "I am come to send fire on the earth; and what will I, if it be already kindled?"

It was kindled from the time of Adam. The prophets and holy men of God had that spark of life, and they kept it kindled by the power of God through their witness and testimony and preaching.

One day the Holy Ghost came and blew on that light, set it on fire, and it burst into a mighty flame, illuminating for the first time; illuminating the world. He said, "Now you are the light. You are the illumination. You are the fire. You are the one that I have set on fire. That fire is going to consume you."

Jeremiah said: "The word of God is like a fire shut up in my bones; there isn't any way I can keep it in here. I have to tell somebody. I have to let somebody know" (**Jer. 20:9**).

It's that good. It's that fire that is consuming me away so that all that is left is Christ. Someone says, "Well, I don't want to turn up the heat any because it's hot enough now." God said, "I don't want any lukewarmness. I want you hot or cold and that's all I am going to take. I'm not going to take any of the gray stuff, that's lukewarm. I want you to be on fire; I want you to burn." When sinners can stand around and be comfort-able around you, there is something wrong with you. There isn't anything wrong with God. You have to allow the Spirit of God to breathe this into you. You can't let men put it into you because it won't work. It's the anointing that is in you.

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Whenever a person gets up to minister, it should be the Holy Ghost in them speaking. Then that teaching ministry that is in them will begin to flow out into that anointing that is in you, and you say, "Oh, that's right. That's what I need to do. I need to quit this and do that."

The anointing is there in you and the teacher is the Holy Ghost. You need not that man should teach you, but the Holy Ghost will teach you through the ministries, and will bring you into perfection, into unity of the faith. It's because the Holy Ghost is breathing that scripture into you. If you have the Spirit of God in you, you know when the word of God is alive or whether it's just something that has been canned and passed down until it's stale. You know if it's a lie. It just does something to your spirit - it quickens that spirit in there.

You have to allow the Holy Ghost to inbreathe that scripture into you. When He breathed into the nostrils of Adam, he became a living soul. But HE did it in the light. Everything God created, He created in the light. The darkness He used for a time span between the light and the darkness. When Jesus died, He died openly. I like that, don't you?

"The entrance of thy word giveth light." There is no other light except God's word. If you want to walk in the light, you must walk in the word, in the Spirit. I don't want someone to follow me if I am stumbling around. I sure don't want to follow somebody who is stumbling around. If a minister can't get up and tell me that this is the way, and be convinced in his own heart and be walking that, I don't want to follow him. If he is unstable as water, forget it. I am not going the way he's going. I want a man that knows where he is when he puts his foot down. I want a man that knows that he is going to finish when he starts a course.

Indecisiveness will destroy you, but God says, "You don't need that, because I have given you this. I have given you everything. I have made you the same light I am. Where I am, you shall be. Where I am you can be. Where I am, if you allow it, you are right now."

Wherever God is, I am, and wherever I am, He is. I say that and I believe it. I don't go anywhere without Him and He is not going anywhere without me. We are the same Spirit, we are joined together, we are one Spirit, we are one light. We are one word - together, He and I. I don't want to listen to anyone who is not bold. I don't want to fool around with them. If they are going to talk to me and persuade my heart, I want them to be fully persuaded themselves to be bold in the word of God. I want them to be bold in the word, knowing that first of all they have been partakers of it.

If I am not convinced that this is real, there's no way I can begin to believe that I can ever hope to put faith in your heart. Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God, not by my opinion. Light doesn't come by my opinion; it comes by the entrance of the word of God. The more words you have in there, the more light you are walking in. The more words you have in there, the more faith you are walking in. The more words you have in there, the more love you are walking in.

It's that way because that word washes you. The water of the word washes you continually and it washes away the old man. It washes away the misunderstanding; it washes away doubt; it washes away everything. It boils back down to this: **THE WORD OF GOD** is what we need today. We need to let God have an entrance into us.

In **Rev 3:20** He says: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock:" He was talking to the church. He wasn't talking to sinners. "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any man hear my voice... (not hear my

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knock.) The sheep know my voice (**John 10:4**) ... and open the door; (and is the hinge word) I will come in to him, and will sup with him and he with Me."

Now, we sup on the word. My spirit doesn't need natural bread, it doesn't need natural water, it doesn't need natural things; it needs Spirit things. The words are Spirit and life (**John 6:63**). I allow Him to live in there everyday by inviting Him in through the word of God and through daily times spent with Him. He brings in that WORD and begins to sit down and bless it and break it open to me. He gives me word that is sufficient for me. He even moves a little hotter fire in there sometimes that begins to illuminate me more and more.

But if we just open our heart's door to theory and doctrine, to everything that's going on, if our eye is not single, then our body shall be full of darkness (**Matt 6:22-23**). We have to have a single purpose for being here, and that is to hear the word of God and live. We have to grow in the word of God, to begin to understand what God has already done for us, until there be no darkness at all in us. Without spot, without blemish, without wrinkle!

It takes us submitting ourselves to the Lord (**James 4:7**). It takes us submitting ourselves one to another in the fear of God, in the love of the Lord. The word of God tells us how to submit ourselves one to another (**Eph 5:21**). If you know who you are in the Lord because you have read the word of God, it's not hard to submit because it's the spirit of Christ in you submitting. Jesus submitted Himself.

Look at it: God is light, Jesus is light, we are light. Same Light. Same Spirit.

Ps. 104:1-2 Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honour and majesty. Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment:

Rev 19:7-8 says that the Bride is going to be adorned in fine, white linen. The word "white" is the same as "light."

Ps. 104:2-4 Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain; Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters: who maketh the clouds his chariot: who walketh upon the wings of the wind: Who maketh his angels spirits; his ministers a flaming fire:

Now let's look at **Heb 1:7**

Heb 1:7 And of the angels He saith, 'Who maketh His angels spirits and His ministers a flame of fire''.

It doesn't say "flames." He makes His ministers <u>one</u> flame, <u>one</u> fire. That's all there is. There's only one God, there is only one Lord, only one faith, only one baptism. There is only one fire. God is fire. Our God is a consuming fire.

Now we are to be consuming fire. Unity! One body, one ministry. Isn't that what **Eph 4:12** tells us: "...for the work of <u>the ministry</u>." You have all portions of that flame in the five-fold ministry, and as that unifies together in the ministries and brings them into <u>a ministry</u>, they begin to perfect the body; and the body grows up out of itself into Christ, and they are a flame of fire.

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I'm one with you and there is nothing you can do about it, unless you get out of the body of Christ. I am not getting out. I like it.

Let's look at Dan 2:31-35. This is a chapter you need to read; this is a heart warmer.

Dan 2:31-34 Thou, Oh King, sawest, and behold a great image. This great image, whose brightness was excellent, stood before thee; and the form thereof was terrible. This image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass, His legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay. Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands..." Underline the little word, "till." Who is that stone? The Lord Jesus Christ!

Dan 2:34-35 ...which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay and brake them to pieces. Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors;"

Isn't that exactly what the Lord said? He was going to come with a fan in His hand, and thoroughly purge His floor (**Matt 3:12**). He has already separated the good from the evil. At the cross of Calvary, Jesus Christ put an end to the world, not the earth, but the world: the systems, the ungodliness, the darkness. That cross came down and hit the earth and it divided asunder. Hallelujah! It put good on one side with life and it put death on one side with evil.

That is not something that is going to happen. That is something that has already happened. In the days of that image, He said you were going to stand until something happens, until the Lord from Glory comes. He was that image; that stone not made with hands.

He was brought out and He crushed the Anti-Christ, crushed and destroyed the world, the world system. The cross was established and the power of that cross separated darkness from light and it put two headings: death over here with evil, and life over here with good.

God is life - God is light.

Dan 2:35 Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind, (the Holy Spirit of God) carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth.

If you are looking for the Kingdom of God to be over in Jerusalem, forget it! It is going to rule the whole world. It is going to be a government that will be made manifest in every nation.

I am a part of that rock. Jesus said to Peter in Matt **16:18 "Upon this rock..."** (Your confession of faith). This was an operation of faith. God said that it was going to happen, and by faith I believe it has already happened because I know who the rock is. That rock is, and has been, and will ever be a mountain that fills the whole earth. And one of these days that mountain is going to be made manifest over all the earth.

Hab. 2:14. Then shall the earth be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

Hallelujah! First of all, that government has to take control of this earth, the thing I am living in. I have to submit to Him. I have to bring it out of darkness by His grace and faith and power, and let Him translate it

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into the Kingdom of Light, into the Kingdom of His dear Son, into that place where this has already been done and I have taken advantage of it.

You see, that stone that smote the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth. I hear a lot of people preaching about the end times, earthquakes and mountains falling down. They have had those ever since I have been around, and long before that.

Mat 24:6-8 And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows.

Mat 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

What are we waiting for? We have preached everything in the world, why don't we start preaching the Kingdom of God? Why don't we start living the Kingdom of God? Why don't we start walking in light? Then we will have understanding and know what God is doing. You see, if you are in light, everybody can see what you are doing. We do so much about so many things, and do so little of any thing.

God said to go out and begin to preach the gospel of the Kingdom of God. Declare that Kingdom of God, heal the sick, cast out devils. Don't preach healing; don't preach deliverance. Just do it. Let these signs follow you. The Kingdom of God is righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. It is us coming subject to His government. It is us submitting ourselves to Him. It is us telling people that there is a righteous government. There is a righteous King. There is a righteous Lord."

Let's go back to **Daniel 2:43:**

Dan 2:43 And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay.

Who are <u>THEY</u>? In **Gen 6:1-4** it tells about the sons of God who came in unto the daughters of men, and there were giants in the land. They weren't godly giants though.

We are producing a lot of giants today. We read about the legs, the thighs, the breast, and the head, but we never see that final part of the feet. It isn't pure. It's impure. When a thing is not pure, it cannot stand. Impurity. Trying to mix. You can't mix the word of God. You can't mix oil and water. You may stir them fast enough to make it look like it for a moment, but when they set, they separate. Amen? That's what the anti-Christ has been doing for years, but **GOD PUT A STOP TO HIM.**

Dan 2:44-45 And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever. Forasmuch as thou sawest that the <u>stone</u> was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure.

Two thousand years ago that prophecy was fulfilled. That stone came out. Now the Kingdom of God is established. Jesus said, "The Kingdom of God is among you; in the midst of you." It is here right now. It is in the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost came almost two thousand years ago, didn't He?

The Kingdom of God is in the Spirit realm, and we are born of the Spirit. We are a part of that great Kingdom. There is going to come a day very soon when that Kingdom is going to be made manifest upon the world, and it is not going to be done in some little country. It is going to be made known around the world, and manifested by the glory of God. It will be Mount Zion and it will fill the whole earth. The King of Glory shall sit in the Holy City on that mountain.

That is God's word! If you let that enter into your heart, all the fear of the anti-Christ goes. All the fear of bad guys goes. All the fear of other kingdoms goes. When that Light, that Word, comes into your heart and begins to illuminate faith into your life, it consumes away doubt, fear, and unbelief. It begins to consume away the darkness, and begins to kindle and to set on fire your soul and your spirit for God.

Ps. 119:130 The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth under-standing unto the simple.

It's the entrance of Thy Words, O God! I'm so simple that I read it and I believe it. I mean it. I just read the word of God like it is written, and that is all I can read in there. I cannot read anything else in there except what is written. I believe that stone to be Jesus Christ. I believe what Heb 9:26-28 says:

Heb 9:26-28 For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

Jesus Christ tasted death once for all men. God took my judgment through Jesus Christ. He took my death through Jesus Christ. That's why I have been brought out of death into life. That's why I have been brought out of condemnation into liberty in Jesus Christ, because that stone came one day and prevailed over the powers of hell. It destroyed every kingdom. It destroyed every power that Satan had, and gave to us perfect liberty in Christ Jesus. This in Daniel is a prophecy of the Lord Jesus Christ and this world. Let's look at **John 18:36:**

John 18:36 Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.

When that stone hit that cross, was buried and rose again the third day, it was all over. It was done! The end of the world kingdom had come, and Jesus Christ ushered in the Kingdom of God. He said, "Now go out and preach and tell people about it. They are living in death when they are living in any other kingdom. I have destroyed the kingdoms of this world."

The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of God and of His Christ. They have been purged. The heavens have been purged. Glory to God! We have been walking around and not enjoying being a Christian, because we haven't enough light illuminating our feet to know where to walk.

We're not walking in faith. We're not walking in victory. We talk about it, but the word is not in there until it becomes a reality to us. Then we begin to walk in perfect understanding of what God is doing.

Ps. 119:105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Ps. 119:130 The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.

We are all a part of the same flame. If you remain in the body of Christ, you can't help but be hot. Hanging around the edges of it you will get lukewarm. Get completely out of it and you will be cold.

God said, "I have made you the light of the world. Go and illuminate the people. Go and bring them understanding that they don't need to fear the wicked one any longer, for I have given men the opportunity to choose death and life."

2 Cor. 3:18 says that we are changed from glory to glory as by the Spirit of the Lord. The verses preceding said that where that Spirit is, there is liberty, and that the Lord is that Spirit. The word "liberty" means "freedom" or "power of choice."

The Lord said that He has given us that liberty, and that now He wants us to go out and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. But you can't teach someone something that you are not convinced of, and have them be convinced of it.

You may have a few pet verses you have memorized, but God wants ALL OF HIS WORDS IN THERE. He wants you to live by the Light. He wants you to live by that illumination, not by what you see in the natural or hear in the natural. We spend so much time over in negative realms that when an opportunity comes, all we can do is condemn it.

People celebrate Easter and the bunny laying eggs, but I have never seen a rabbit lay an egg. That would really be a miracle. We have a greater miracle than that. God laid a stone one day, and it became a whole mountain. That's why we celebrate Easter, the resurrection of that stone.

Paul was wise. Let's look at what happened as set forth in **Acts 17:15-34.** When he went to Athens, he saw the philosophers spending all day talking about all kinds of gods, and all kinds of things. They would let anyone talk, because they wanted to hear new things.

They wanted to hear about the one Paul was talking about, so Paul went to Mars hill. He told them that he perceived that in all things they were too superstitious. They had a place there to the Unknown God, so he said let me tell you about him. He preached to them about Jesus and the resurrection. He didn't condemn them for their gods. We turn a lot of people off by condemning them.

He preached in such power, such fire, such authority, that some of them believed and clave unto him. Others of course, walked away. They would not give up their strange gods. When you have the light, it makes manifest that darkness is darkness. Everybody is not going to want to hear you.

We shouldn't be talking about the darkness. We should be talking about Jesus. We should be telling people about Jesus. We should be telling them about the God they don't know. The Kingdom they don't know. It

won't be long if that Light is real, that they will, by their own free will, choose one or the other. We need to walk in the Light. That Light will make manifest.

Jesus said, "I am the Light." Then He turned around and said "You are the light of the world, but the only way that is ever going to be of any value in your life, is that you begin to put the word in your heart. Digest it, eat it, live it, speak it, breathe it. Breathe life into somebody else by the word of God."

WE ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.

There is only one Light. Only one fire. Only one flame. That's us, the body of Christ. Only one mountain. Only ONE.

WE ARE LIVING AT THE END OF AN AGE. THE LORD'S RETURN IS AT HAND. AMEN!