

# The Gospel of John Part 42: The Light of the World

## John 8:12-20



*John 8:1-11 Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, "I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will never walk in the darkness,*

*"to make known." The reality is that without Jesus in the world, humanity remains in darkness. Darkness here represents ignorance of God or just not knowing the truth about God. Without this light nobody can know God and we cannot see Him, understand His ways, or know His will for our lives and eternity. Jesus as the Light of the World shines brightly as a spotlight on God the Father so that we can see Him clearly and come to know Him through His Son.*

*but will have the Light of life." 13 So the Pharisees said to Him, "You are bearing witness about Yourself; Your witness is not true." 14 Jesus answered and said to them, "Even if I bear witness about Myself, My witness is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going; but you do not know where I come from or where I am going. 15 You judge according to the flesh; I am not judging anyone. 16 But even if I do judge, My judgment is true; for I am not alone in it, but I and the Father who sent Me. 17 Even in your law it has been written that the witness of two men is true. 18 I am He who bears witness about Myself, and the Father who sent Me bears witness about Me." 19 So they were saying to Him, "Where is Your Father?" Jesus answered, "You know neither Me nor My Father; if you knew Me, you would know My Father also." 20 These words He spoke in the treasury, as He was teaching in the temple; and no one seized Him, because His hour had not yet come.*

**1) The Light of Christ Reveals The Truth.** Earlier in John chapter 1 we are told that Jesus is the "true light" that "enlightens everyone." The words truth and light go hand in hand when speaking about Jesus. The light of Christ is what reveals truth to humanity and to "enlighten" simply means

**2) The Light of Christ Exposes Our Sin.** There is a theme in both the Gospel of John and the book of 1 John where darkness represents the dwelling place of sin and evil. Jesus says in John chapter 3 that the world loves this darkness because their deeds are evil. Until we can see ourselves the way God see us, as ones who need to be cleansed of our sin, then we remain in this darkness. Without the knowledge of sin humanity will not know that they need a Savior to be made pure before a holy and righteous God. But Jesus as the Light of the World shines brightly in this darkness and exposed the truth of our deeds as sinful, and with this truth we can now seek a way to be made pure before God through His Son.

**3) The Light of Christ Leads to Eternal Life.** It is not enough to simply know that God exists and know that we are sinful, but we need to know that there is a way to overcome this great dilemma. Darkness can represent not knowing where to go or how to get there; darkness is death. But Jesus as the Light of the World shines brightly on the way to eternal life. The path that leads each person from death to eternal life is made clear because of the light of Christ. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life all in one person so that we may know how to respond to His offer of forgiveness in our lives. Jesus say the "He who walks in darkness does not know where He goes." But as our Light, every person can now see clearly the path to eternal life through faith in Jesus.