

# *Walking in the Light*

If you know Jesus Christ, keep the light 'ON', because we don't know what we don't know. If we don't know about tomorrow, and we don't really know about how we get to heaven; isn't it in our best interest to get what we need to know from someone who does know?

And the only one who knows is God, and He has given us the Bible so we can know what He wants us to know and what we need to know if we are to live. But the only way we can learn from Him is to acknowledge we don't know anything of spiritual value, and lay aside our ignorance and trust in Him alone.

To gain the benefits of His word so we can live effectively as His children, we need people who have gained some knowledge from Him because they have been doing the same thing required of everyone who lives for Christ.

This is absolutely necessary because we cannot prevent ourselves from trying to understand God's truth by interpreting the Bible from the background of our not knowing. Our not knowing is called darkness or the flesh, it is the life of the natural world that doesn't know God.

Real knowing is having the light of God, this is the work of the Spirit of God who opens our hearts to the truth of God. Therefore, our ability to understand is limited by the degree we no longer rely on our own understanding, but trust in God by putting away the darkness and our fleshly knowledge to rely on God and obey all He has given us to understand. If we are unwilling to be taught, we cannot know what we don't know, so we will remain lost in the darkness of our minds without the knowledge of God.

Therefore, even the teacher needs a teacher, otherwise he will not realise what He doesn't know that he thinks he already knows.

The flesh will always insist it can see what is hidden by the darkness it lives in, because it wants to be independent in self-reliance. Just like disobedient children.

Consequently, our Father has given us His Son, and the Son has given us the church, so that no one is independent, but everyone is there for each other, so that the whole number of God's people can grow in an environment of mutual responsibility and submissive trust.

If we aren't committed to learning from others who God has led where we haven't walked, and if we are not contributing to the growth of the church, we are not living for God but pleasing ourselves.

This work is never done. At no time in our walk on earth will we be completely free from the darkness that clings to the back of our minds, if not Centre stage. So, we live in a state of repentance and submission in fear of thinking we know what we don't know, for then the light we think we have is dark, and how dark is the darkness when we claim it to be light in contradiction to the Light in Christ?

Jesus Christ the Son of God came into the world as the Light of God. He gives His Light to those who no longer rely on their understanding but trust in Him, and this Light is the means of learning to obey the will of God that He has provided for in His church.

We can only be joined to Him and His church by denying ourselves to live for Him. When we die to self, we can begin to know Him who is all wisdom and knowledge. If we don't know Him, we haven't received light by the power of the Spirit of God in order to be able to live for Christ. The level of our knowledge will be displayed in the commitment we have to obeying Him in all aspects of life as He lives

through us.

However, we must not confuse knowing about Him with actually knowing Him who is true, real knowing happens when His love compels us to live for Him because He lives in us.

Our constant heart of submission opens us up for His light to illuminate our life so that we are able to do what pleases Him. If we are not living with Jesus Christ controlling our life by the Holy Spirit, we still live in the darkness.

Members of the church that belongs to Christ are committed to building up one another as they themselves are being built up by others in the knowledge of God.

If we are not in the Light we have an organisation, and we cannot expect to be beneficiaries of the Light, for the blessed promises of God are given to those who love Him, and live for Him who is the Light of the world.

### **Organism/Light or Organisation/lights off?**

Has the church given too much attention to managing the organisation in the world and neglected the “Chesed”, the steadfast loving kindness of God between His people in their co-dependency in Christ with each member living for others as representing Christ’s life manifest through each other to the world?

How many people in the organisation recognise that all they have in the world belongs to Him who is King of kings, to be used for Him in building up His body the church because He bought them with His blood?

How have the church members actually repented of worldliness

motivated by self-interest, and laid down their lives for Christ, to live for Him in one another, as they eagerly look forward for the King to consummate His union with His bride in a new heaven and earth? Are we dead men walking or are we made alive from the dead in Christ?

Jesus didn't promise to keep the organisation, only the bride. Organisations of the world are going to be collateral damage until He comes.

Have people confused the secular for the spiritual? Has the visible organisation replaced the invisible life of the Spirit? Is Christ all, or just a helpful accessory to improve our lot in the world?

Do we live for Him, and in Him, and He in us, and therefore are we spiritually and physically joined to one another in Him, or do we live for ourselves in the world?

*"If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; but if we walk in the Light as He Himself 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 are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous 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."*

1 John 1:6-10

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