

## **A DEVOTIONAL SERIES ON THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN ABOUT JESUS CHRIST**

### **JESUS IS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD**

John 8:12 “(Jesus said) I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

Do you remember your basic life science lesson that the light of the sun is necessary for life? Without the sun’s light there would be no plants. Its light is necessary for photosynthesis, the food making process in plants. One can therefore say that light gives life to the plant.

Spiritually, darkness is in the teaching of the Holy Scriptures where ignorance of God exists and the result is spiritual, eternal death. Darkness is associated with misery and adversity. Darkness is where evil exists, deception occurs and harm to the soul is the result. Ultimately, darkness brings death.

Spiritually, as light gives life to a plant so the light that Christ is to the soul gives it life that will never end. This is why Jesus says, “. . . I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” (John 8:12) While Satan wants to lead you into darkness, despair and death, Jesus provides you with life giving light. 1 John 1:5-7 “This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice 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 cleanses us from all sin.”

Jesus says to you, “I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness.” (John 12:46) He leads you safely through this sinful world like God used the pillar of fire by night in the wilderness to provide light for the Children of Israel. The darkness of evil, sin and the world cannot extinguish the Light of Christ. He is your light who shines brilliantly in your heart, soul, mind and spirit to provide you with eternal life with Him.

Prayer: Jesus, You are the light of the world and the light of my life. Drive away the darkness that is all around me and provide the only light that reveals to me the way to heaven. In Your holy name. Amen.

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world.  
The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain: In Him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Sine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,  
And show me the way to the Father. Refrain:

I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race,  
We shall know the joy of Jesus. Refrain:  
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