

IMPACT

I **M**ust **P**ersonally **A**cknowledge **C**hrist **T**oday
Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; *in all your ways acknowledge Him* and He shall direct your path.
Proverbs 3:5-6

Passage: I Timothy 6:15b-16 “...He who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom be honor and everlasting power. Amen.”

Quote: “The Lord our God is a most pure spirit, invisible, without body, parts, or passions, who only hath immortality, *dwelling in light which no man can approach unto.*”¹

This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.² “To say that God is light is to draw attention to his uprightness, his righteousness. Light is a natural symbol for attractive righteousness, just as darkness is for the blackness of sin. There is an emphatic double negative with darkness; *there is no darkness whatever in God; he is all light.*”³ After describing God’s nature, John warns, “If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and 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 Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.”⁴

God makes it clear that natural men do not desire the things of the Spirit and that “men love darkness because their deeds are evil.”⁵ It is this same God Who is Light and in Whom is no darkness at all Who “has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.”⁶ He has made us “a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, *that (we) may proclaim the praises of Him who called (us) out of darkness into His marvelous light.*”⁷

Jesus said, “I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.”⁸ The unending battle for all who have been made “children of light” by the grace of God is to do warfare with our flesh—the remnants of who we were prior to entrusting our souls to Christ. Paul reminds us, “For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of the Spirit

is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them.”⁹ Jesus taught, “You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”¹⁰

Like Paul, the self-proclaimed chief of sinners, all believers must remember that we are debtors to God’s amazing grace as we invite the lost to Jesus, “the Light of the world!”¹¹ *Let God’s light shine through you!*

There is no fortress of the mind—no dungeon of the heart so black—that light and life can be repelled, the call of Truth e’er be brushed back. Nor is there rebel bulwark made where Sovereign grace cannot invade—no ‘heartland’ distant, cold and dark where Love’s sure Word cannot persuade the arrogant or ignorant who will not, or who cannot see their desp’rate need of saving grace that beckons them to bow the knee.

A soldier of the hosts of light, mine is the herald’s humble role. Christ leads me to engage the hosts of darkness that enslave the soul. I must not fail to press the fight, full knowing it is God’s to win. No matter that I doubt myself—to doubt my God is grievous sin! “All souls are mine!” Jehovah cries, and draws my focus to His pow’r that reassures my fainting heart amidst doubt’s dark, oppressive hour.

Though oft’ rebuffed, I persevere, and bravely lift God’s two-edged Sword. N’er trusting in my own resolve, I gain new hope through Christ the Lord. God hears the often wordless prayers that from my burdened heart ascend as love compels me to press on, and plead for grace time and again. Strengthen my faith, Almighty God, *as I recall that saving grace quickened my own dead heart to life, and drew me to Thy resting place.*

God is Light!

1 1689 Bapt.Conf.Faith 2 I John 1:5 3. D.A.Carson 4 I Jn 1:6-7 5 II Corin.2:14; Jn.3:19 6 Col.1:13-14 7 I Peter 2:9 8 Jn.8:12 9 Eph.5:8-11 10 Matt.5:14-16 11 John 8:12; 9:5; II Corin.4:1-6