

## In Him Is Life and Light

In Him is life and that life is the light of men. He who has Jesus has life and that life is to shine into this world that is living in darkness. But how can we shine in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation if we are not walking in the light? “And this is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is light and in Him there is no darkness at all. 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 cleanses us from all sin.” (1 John 1:5-7) But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, that shines brighter and brighter until the full (perfect) day. (Prov 4:15) When we walk in the light of our consciences and the light of the word, our lives will be transformed into the image of God’s son—the bright and morning star.

Jesus said, “I am have come as light into the world, that everyone who believes in Me may not remain in darkness.” (John 12:46) He sent Paul to the Gentiles to, “open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the dominion of Satan to God.” (Acts 26:18) We are a “chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God’s own possession, that we may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called us out of darkness into His marvellous light.” (1 Pet 2:9) He has called us out of the darkness of this world and the lust thereof and into the marvellous light of His love and its freedom.

Jesus exhorted His disciples that they are the light of the world! They, as we, were to let their light shine before men in such a way that they may see their good works, and glorify their Father who is in heaven. (Matt 5:14, 16) Jesus proclaimed, “I am the light of the world, he who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.” (John 8:12) If we follow Him and practice the truth by coming to the light, we will have life. And not only life, but life abundantly. (John 10:10)

Come, buy and eat. Drink of the living water that will make one never to thirst again. Come eat of His flesh and drink of His blood, that you may have eternal life. And this is eternal life, that we make know Him, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom He had sent. (John 17:3) Let us be buried with Him through baptism into death, that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in the newness of life. (Rom 6:4) If any man be in Christ, he is a *new* creation, old things have passed away behold, all things become new. (1 Cor 5:17) He promised that He would take our heart of stone and give us a new heart of flesh and a new spirit. (Eze 36:26) The Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who indwells you. (Rom 8:11) “I will put My Spirit within you and you will come to life, and I will place you on your own land. Then you will know that I, the LORD, have spoken and done it.” (Eze 37:14) Thanks be to Jesus that He is able and will set us free from this body of death, if we call out to Him. And when this body is done away with, or made powerless, then will come about the saying that is written, “Death is swallowed up in victory.”

Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and may enter the gates into the city. (Rev 22:14) Let us cleanse ourselves, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. (2 Cor 7:1) It is the fear of God that is a fountain of life that one may avoid the snares of death. (Pro 14:17) He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the Paradise of God. (Rev 2:7)