

The Messiah Message: “ I am the Light of the world.”

John 8:12

Introduction:

In Genesis 1 we see that God, along with The Son and Spirit created a perfect universe that displayed the glory of God. They then created man and Adam had a perfect relationship with God in the perfect Garden of Paradise. In Genesis 3, Satan deceived Eve and then Adam followed in sin and the relationship with God was now separated by sin. From that moment, God had in place the plan of redemption that would usher in the Messiah, The Savior who would be the perfect sacrifice to atone for man’s sin. The perfect blood would be spilled at Calvary that would not only cover the sin, but totally wipe it away and satisfy the requirement of God to cancel sin and demonstrate his Holy wrath toward sin and sinners as well as demonstrate His Glory by His execution of perfect justice, holiness, grace, mercy and love. Man would be redeemed by the ransom of Gods Son, Jesus, the Messiah, the Christ.

Also in the Old Testament, from Genesis to Malachi we see through Abraham, Moses and the prophets the revealed character of God and His covenant keeping promises upheld. We see despite man’s sin and rebellion to God and His commands, that He remains faithful to His Word to save a remnant who will call on Him as God and praise Him forevermore. In Jeremiah, He makes a New Covenant with His people that one day He will place His Spirit in man and will write His laws on their hearts and minds, wipe away all their sin and cause them to walk in holiness by His grace and power. For this to occur , the Messiah would have to come and walk on the earth in perfection , without sin, so He could pay the ultimate penalty for all who would trust in the blood of Christ as their substitute for the punishment He suffered that they deserve.

The Old Testament also revealed that the Lamb of God would come from the blood line of King David and come to His Jewish people as the Light of the world.

Today we will see how the Old Testament as well as the New Testament made prophecies of this and the Messiah would then save His people from their sinful state to new creatures in Christ as well as transform them to be the light and witness to others declaring the Good News of Gods plan of salvation to all the world.

I. John 8:12, " I am the light of the world. He who follows Me will not walk in darkness but be the light of life." This verse has three distinct parts. The first part, "I am the light of the world "reveals the identity of Christ (the illuminating quality of light). The second part, "He who follows Me will not walk in darkness" shows the transforming quality of light to take one from darkness to light and then follow Christ, who is the Light. And lastly, the third part of the verse, "but have the light of life " , depicts the transcending power of light to now cause the Christian to represent the Messiah to the world by the transforming work of the Holy Spirit.

A. Old Testament Prophecies

- 1. Genesis 1:3. First thing God creates is light**
- 2. Isaiah 2:5. "O house of Jacob, come let us walk in the light of the world."**
- 3. Isaiah 9:2 and 6. The light would come from the region of Galilee and "unto us a Child is born...and His name shall be called..Mighty God..."**
- 4. Psalm 27:1. "The Lord is my light and my salvation..."**

B. New Testament prophecies.

- 1. Luke 1:76-79. Zacharias's proclamation of what his son John the Baptist will foretell.**
- 2. Luke 2:29-32. The declaration of the light from the prophet Simeon.**
- 3. John 1: 4-9. John describes Christ as the light of men and that John the Baptist will testify of the True Light.**
- 4. Matthew 4:15-17. Christ fulfills the prophecy in Isaiah that he would begin His ministry in the region of Galilee.**

C. Christ is the Light and calls out the darkness of the Pharisees.

- 1. John 8:42-47.**
- 2. John 3:18-21. The people will reject the Light.**

II. " He who follows me will not walk in darkness", The transforming power of the Spirit from the dark sinner to the redeemed follower of Christ.

A. In darkness and sin we all come from before conversion.

Jeremiah 17:9, Isaiah 53:6 ,Genesis 8:21,Romans 3:23.

B. God is the one who transforms us. He does the miracle of rebirth, " Born Again."

- 1. 2nd Corinthian 4:6.**
- 2. Ephesians 2:1-8.**

3. Titus 3:3.

These 3 verses clearly show that God takes us sinners and transforms us all by His Spirit and power to be His new creation, all by his grace, love and power.

C. Now after transformed by God you follow Him.

1. Matthew 11:28-30, Christ invites us to learn from Him.

2. Mark 1:17. Jesus tells the disciples to follow Him and I will make you fishers of men.

3. John 15:4. Abide in Me, Christ says.

4. Matthew 28:30. The Great Commission. Make disciples, teaching them to obey all that I have commanded you.

D. as followers we will now enjoy fellowship walking in the light. 1 John 1:5-8.

E. The light will be in you as you walk and shed darkness.(sanctification). 1 John 2:8.

111. "and you shall be the light of life". The 3rd part of the verse John 8:12. The transcending power of light for the transformed, born again believer now to be the light to represent Christ as He now sits at the right hand side of the Father in heaven.

A. As the light, the believer will now live a life of giving praises to the Lord. 1 Peter 2:9.

B. As the light, the believer will now proclaim the Light of Christ being His witness and minister. Acts 26:15-18.

C. As the light, the believer will call out darkness. Ephesians 5:8-14.

D. and as the light, the believer will glorify Him. Matthew 5:14-16. Isaiah 60:1-3,10-11,15,19-20.

1V. Close

God wants all to come to repentance and turn from sin and trust in Him for salvation. Ezekiel 33:11, 18:30-32 and 2nd Peter 3:9.

Jesus warns about Hell in Matthew 25:30 that is described as "outer darkness" and the contrast of what heaven will be, a place of where there is no need of the sun or moon for Gods glory will be the light. " The Lamb will be the Light " .. Revelation 21:22-23 and 22:5.