

Merry Christmas

New Youth Made in Christ



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Jesus: The Light of the World

The third physical thing created in our universe as told to us by the scriptures was light. In Genesis chapter 1 the Lord GOD Almighty said “Let there be light.” It only makes sense that HE would want light to be at the beginning part of creation. John chapter 1 tells us how men hated the light and that the Light of the World (Jesus) came to bring them out of the darkness. The Apostle Peter says that GOD called us out of the darkness into HIS marvelous light.

Light has two very powerful characteristics. It can be treated as a particle that spreads out across an area. It can also be treated as a wave that maintains its frequency over distance and time. Physicists argued over this duality for many years. It is now recognized that light has both particle and wave properties.

Why is this important to a Christian? The Lord GOD Almighty established the properties of light at creation to imitate HIS nature. Think of how light is used. Fire, light bulbs, flashlights, sun light, lasers, radio waves, micro waves, the color spectrum, ultra-violet light, infrared light, messaging, heat emitted, visible and invisible, pinpoint and scattered, etc. Try to see GOD’s hand in all of these form of light.

Light is used to see and is a by product of heat and energy transfer. Light is used to brighten a open space and placed on a specific spot. Light is used by plants and humans to grow and be healthy. Light can be used to cut through an object, erase a tattoo, smooth a rough surface, measure distances

and etch an object. Light can be used to transmit music, video and other media to a general area or a specific point. Light can be used by naval ship to transmit messages to other ship. Light can be used to express colors and define shapes. Light can be emitted from a heat source top provide comfort. Light can be used to kill bacteria, help cure jaundice and help the body make Vitamin D. Light can be visible to our eyes and invisible to at the same time. Light can direct us to a point of interest and open our eyes to many things as well.

Are these not some of the characteristics of GOD? Doesn’t GOD provide all of these and more? GOD even used light to lead HIS people from captivity in Egypt. HE used a light to guide the Wise Men to the Lord Jesus.

GOD spreads HIS light over the world. GOD aims HIS light at our hearts and purifies it, removes the sinful marks, smooths it over, kills the unwanted sinful desires, delivers HIS message in visible and invisible ways, makes us healthy, cuts through our defenses, provides comfort, defines us, makes us see more clearly and is reflected in us as the moon reflects the sun’s light.

The Lord Jesus is the ultimate Light. HE is the Light of the World able to all of this and more. As scientists try understand the physical light, GOD wants us to even more understand HIS marvelous Light: HIS Son. Hopefully when you think of light you will think of it differently now. Jesus came into the darkness to bring HIS Light of Life and Grace. PEACE.

Genesis 3: 3-5

3And God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. 4And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness. 5And God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

John 1: 1-13

1In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2The same was in the beginning with God. 3All things were made by Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made. 4In Him was life, and that life was the Light of men. 5And the Light shineth in darkness, and the darkness comprehended it not. 6There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7The same came as a witness to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. 8He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. 9That was the true Light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. 10He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not. 11He came unto His own, and His own received Him not. 12But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to those who believe in His name, 13who were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

1 Peter 2: 9

But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people, that ye should show forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.