

Jesus is the Light of the World

John 8:12-30

Allow me to recap a little, Jesus has made another divine claim, saying that He is the living water, again the religious officials are angry with him. They bring a woman caught in adultery to Him, which is punishable by death. They're trying to trick Him. He writes in the sand, ask the men to throw a stone if they are without sin. Jesus tells the woman that He doesn't condemn her, but that she must repent, not continue sinning. Jesus has the power to forgive! Now Jesus makes another divine claim, that He is the light of the world.

The Light Ensures Life (John 8:12) 1 John 5:12 reminds us of this simple invitation. ***"Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life."*** Notice that the invitation is to follow Christ, which requires action. It's not a passive call to remain on the sidelines, but it requires one to be on the battlefield of life for Jesus. A flashlight will ensure that one doesn't run into a dangerous object or fall off a cliff. Following Jesus Christ will ensure that we do not parish eternally in Hell. In John chapter 1, John the apostle is describing John the Baptist and explaining that he was the forerunner of the light, that he wasn't the light, but the true light Jesus was coming. In the last part of verse 12, Jesus states that whoever follows Him ***"will have the light of life."*** You may be the light in the darkness that shows others Christ. In Matthew 5:13-16 Jesus is calling His followers to be both salt and light, to be a preservative of the Christ life, showing its joy, it's wonderful taste, and to be a light, guiding others to the truth of Christ, the true light! **Jesus Ensures Life.**

The Light is Evidence of the Truth (John 8:13-20) Many might get hung up on verse 15 here and think that Jesus won't judge, which would contrast verses 16 and 26. Some scholars believe He is speaking to the religious officials who judge based on the outer appearance, but Jesus will later judge based upon a heart condition of unbelief and unrepentance. The fact that Jesus, the light, is showing them the truth, yet they are not believing shows the condition of their hearts. The Holy Spirit confirms the truth to us and is evidence of Jesus as the true light. Listen to John 16:13 ***"When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come."*** Notice verse 20. Jesus was speaking in the treasury, a very public place, the last area of the temple that women were allowed into. He wanted to be evidence of the truth to all of mankind!

The Light Exposes Sin (8:21-27) How do we know what is sin and what isn't? What did the palmist say, "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Also we see in Psalm 119:9 that a person can stay sin-free ***"by guarding it according to your word."*** The current lie is to follow your heart. The bible tells us that the heart is deceitfully wicked. Jesus clearly tells them, ***"you will die in your sin."*** The bible is the magnifying glass, the examination light that shows our sin to us. Society doesn't believe it because it calls the heart and flesh into submission to

the Creator! How is cancer exposed? It is exposed through scans, light x-rays that radiate transparency of harmful and hurtful enemies of our body. The Word, through the power of the Holy Spirit, The true light, exposes sin.

The Light Will Be Exalted (8:28-30) I say that Jesus will be exalted in reference to the cross, but I also mean this in that Jesus will be exalted as He reigns eternally! Jesus was meaning that he would be lifted up upon the cross, as the serpent was upon the pole in Numbers 21. Through faith in Him, He would heal mankind from sin. Jesus was predicting his death and it was indeed the will of God the Father.

“then you will know that I am he” This reminds us of the Matthew 27:54 ***“When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, “Truly this was the Son of God!”***

He will be exalted in the future according to Philippians 2:9-10 ***“Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,”***

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