

WHERE THE LIGHT IS #1

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When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12 NIV

APART FROM JESUS WE _____.

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"I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe."

Ephesians 1:16-18 NIV

WHEN I AM IN THE LIGHT:

I AM KNOWING _____.

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"The light of Christ is the brightness of God shining on the retina of the human soul." -John Piper

WHERE THE LIGHT IS: GOD'S CHARACTER

"This, in essence, is the message we heard from Christ and are passing on to you: God is light, pure light; there's not a trace of darkness in him. If we claim that we experience a shared life with him and continue to stumble around in the dark, we're obviously lying through our teeth—we're not living what we claim. But if we walk in the light, God himself being the light, we also experience a shared life with one another, as the sacrificed blood of Jesus, God's Son, purges all our sin."

1 John 1:5-7 MSG

GOD _____.

"God is light, pure light; there's not a trace of darkness in him." (v5)

I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, lofty and exalted, with the train of His robe filling the temple. Seraphim stood above Him, each having six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called out to another and said, "Holy, Holy, Holy, is the LORD of hosts, The whole earth is full of His glory." And the foundations of the thresholds trembled at the voice of him who called out, while the temple was filling with smoke. Then I said, "Woe is me, for I am ruined! Because I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts." Isaiah 6:1-5 NASB

GOD _____.

"So we are lying if we say we have fellowship with God but go on living in spiritual darkness; we are not practicing the truth." 1 John 1:6 NLT

"God's light came into the world, but people loved the darkness more than the light, for their actions were evil. All who do evil hate the light and refuse to go near it for fear their sins will be exposed. But those who do what is right come to the light so others can see that they are doing what God wants." John 3:19-21 NLT

GOD

“But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.” 1 John 1:7 NIV

“Just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: “Be holy, because I am holy.” 1 Peter 1:15-16 NIV

GOD

“No one lights a lamp and then hides it or puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where its light can be seen by all who enter the house. Your eye is like a lamp that provides light for your body. When your eye is healthy, your whole body is filled with light. But when it is unhealthy, your body is filled with darkness. Make sure that the light you think you have is not actually darkness. If you are filled with light, with no dark corners, then your whole life will be radiant, as though a floodlight were filling you with light.” Luke 11:33-36 NLT

“You can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.” 1 Peter 2:9 NLT

GETTING RIGHT TO GET IN THE LIGHT

“If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth. But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness. If we claim we have not sinned, we are calling God a liar and showing that his word has no place in our hearts.” 1 John 1:8-10

CONFESSING SIN = _____.

IGNORING SIN = _____.

Heavenly Father...Thank you for calling me out of the darkness of sin and self into your marvelous light through Christ. Thank you for being pure light. When I see you clearly I see myself clearly. I know I need cleansing and right now I confess those parts of life I know do not reflect your character and your desire for my life. Thank you for the blood of Jesus which was shed for me, covers me, and puts me into the light of your presence. That is where I want to stay. Fill me with your Spirit right now – control me through your Spirit right now – give me power through your Spirit right now so that I can walk in the light as you are in the light. In Jesus name, amen.

FOR DISCUSSION:

WHY DO YOU THINK “WALKING IN THE LIGHT” IS SO IMPORTANT TO GOD?

WHICH BENEFIT OF BEING IN THE LIGHT AND CHOOSING TO REFLECT GOD’S CHARACTER HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED RECENTLY? EXPERIENCING...

GOD BETTER TRUE HOPE MY TRUEST FUTURE TRUE POWER

HOW WE TRY TO BLEND DARKNESS AND LIGHT IN OUR WALKS WITH GOD?

HOW OFTEN DO WE NEED TO PRACTICE THE SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE OF CONFESSION?

WHAT DO YOU SENSE GOD IS TELLING YOU PERSONALLY THROUGH TODAY’S WORD?

