

God is Life



As we begin our journey into the letters of 1-3 John, take a moment to quiet your heart before the Lord. Pace yourself as you read, taking note of any word or phrase that the Holy Spirit draws to your attention.



"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 ESV)

The early disciples of Jesus engaged the Word of life with their senses. They heard the Word, saw it with their eyes, and even touched it with their hands (1 John:1a). Such experiences were so impactful that it birthed within them a desire to proclaim this Word to other people so that they too might be impacted in the same way. (1 Jn:1b-3)

What do you think it's like to experience the Word of life in such a way that it birthed within you a deep desire to proclaim the same Word to those around you?

When we acknowledge that we are sinners, confess, and experience the forgiveness of our sins by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, we experience the joy of being set free from our bondage to sin. But it shouldn't stop there. The author warns us that we cannot possibly fellowship with God if we continue to live in darkness.

God, after all, is not only life, but God is light (1 Jn 1:5b).

Therefore, may we not only live in the light but may we share this light with others so that they too may experience the joy of having fellowship with God and with others.



Depending on what resonated with you in this passage, take a moment to pray and talk to God about the emotions or thoughts that you are experiencing. Are there places in your life that you are afraid to talk to God about? Or is there someone on your heart today that the Spirit has been nudging you to speak His Word into their life? Talk with God about such things.



As followers of Christ, our life is about Jesus - in experiencing him, loving him, and proclaiming him. Let our words and actions testify to the impact of the Word in our lives. But let's not keep this light to ourselves!

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden." (Matthew 5:14 ESV)



1 John 1:1-10

The Incarnation of the Word of Life

¹ That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. ² The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. ³ We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. ⁴ We write this to make our joy complete.

Light and Darkness, Sin and Forgiveness

⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. ⁷ 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.

⁸ If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.