

For Our Information

Paula Laubach's surgery to remove her trach tube went well. She is feeling better and should get stitches removed Wednesday.

John Jackson is swollen and sore following an accident with a cattle gate Friday. Chris Wright injured his hand at work last week.

The Simpson family is out of town this weekend.

RememberCarolynn Richmond in Houston, TX and John LaValla also.

Keep our brothers & sisters in mind

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We want opportunities to speak with others about our work in the Lord's Kingdom.

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Jesus' response. *"If you were blind, you would have no sin, but since you say, 'We see,' your sin remains"* (John 9:41).

O that we would all humble ourselves in our darkness that we might grope for and find that One who is the Light of Life.

(We all need light in our life. We seek for light in our physical life so that we might be able to get around without tripping or getting lost. We ought to seek light in our spiritual life as well.

Jesus came that we might have abundant life. That life is show through the light of His Word. We must seek to walk with Him in the light if we hope to be with Him in eternal light after we pass from this life. That word will guide us in His kingdom while we walk here on earth. It will show us the strait and narrow path that leads to eternal life if we will but use it in our pilgrimage. DLH)

Seeking His Righteousness

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The Light Of Life

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My dad always seemed to have an uncanny knack for selecting just the right circumstance and just the right time for making his point stick. I remember one such occasion when I was 19 years old. I had just gotten home from work. It was a warm summer afternoon. He was sitting on the back porch in the swing looking across the yard, meditatively.

I interrupted his meditations long enough to extend a greeting. I sat down on the back porch to enjoy the afternoon, too. We sat there silently for a few moments just taking it all in. When my dad broke the silence (I



This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all.

1John 1:5



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should have known it was coming) he said, "Son, when you get married don't plan on coming back here to live. One house is just not big enough for two families." I quietly responded, "I won't dad."

Silence once again engulfed us. We now both looked out meditatively across the yard. I don't know what he was meditating on, but I was meditating on what he had said. Since that time I have meditated extensively on how he said it. Such must have been the circumstance for John the apostle who repeatedly used the image of "*light*" in describing the Word of Life, his close personal Friend, and his Savior, Jesus.

In **John 8:12** Jesus said, "*I am the light of the world; he who follows Me shall not walk in the darkness, but shall have the light of life.*"

That is a striking statement by itself. Who is He who dares claim to be "*the light of the world,*" who expects others to follow His light, and then claims that they shall have "*the light of life?*" This was simply too much for the Pharisees. They questioned the credibility of anyone who would say such things. But Jesus did. And He did it in the treasury, as He taught in the temple.

If the nature of Jesus' claims were not striking enough on their own, and the place where He made such claims not impressive enough, perhaps it was Jesus' timing that really riveted John's attention. B.F. Westcott ([The Gospel According to St. John](#)) observes that John's arrangement of Jesus' discourses are "called out by peculiar circumstances." He describes them as "distinctly festival discourses, addressed to men whose religious feelings and opinions were

Store In My Heart

Psalm 119:105

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

This Psalm speaks of the authors love for the Word of God. In this section he declares the guidance that God's Word gives to our life.

It is not difficult to see that we live in a world filled with darkness. Even in a physical sense many of the places we go would be hard to navigate if we did not have some sort of light to help us see the way.

We must see the Word of God as that which shows the way we need to travel. It will illuminate the various pitfalls that may be before us and show us the Way our Savior made to lead us from sin to salvation. Let The Word shine a light upon the path you travel!

moved by the circumstances." Indeed the Gospel of John can be outlined around various Jewish festivals. Note the references to the Jewish festivals in the following places: **2:13; 6:4; 7:2; 10:22; 12:1; 13:1.**

The section contained in **John 8:12** through **10:40** bears evidence of having been spoken during the Feast of Lights, also known as the Feast of Dedication (**10:22**) or Hanukkah. This feast was begun following the victories of Judas Maccabeus in 167 B.C. Temple worship had been interrupted for a period of three years. This festival celebrated the rededication of the temple. It was celebrated for eight days. Beginning on December 25th each day a candle is lighted until a total of eight are lit. For Jesus to come into this historical setting and claim to be the light of the world was truly phenomenal.

But that is not all Jesus did. He punctuated His claim of being the light of the world by healing a man born blind (**John 9**). He prefaced His action with the statement, "*While I am in the world, I am the light of the world*" (**9:5**). In the presence of the temple, at the Feast of Lights, Jesus presented Himself as the "*light of the world*" driving His point home by causing a blind man to see. Is it any wonder that John frequently refers to Jesus as the light? Is it any wonder that John was impressed?

Yet, as is the case with so many bits of wisdom communicated under carefully chosen circumstances and expertly timed, the Pharisees refused to accept the wisdom given. They refused to see that Jesus was sent from God. Oh, He had made His point clear. They even asked Him, "*We are not blind are we?*" (**9:40**).