

## Lesson On Light Genesis 1:1-3

Light - "something that makes vision possible; the sensation aroused by stimulation of the visual receptors"  
In the physical realm, light is necessary for life to exist **Genesis 1:1-3**  
Throughout the Bible the concept of light is used symbolically.

### God Is the True Source of Light

All physical light, whether from sun or stars, is from God **James 1:17**  
As with physical light, God is the source of spiritual light **1John 1:5**  
The nature of God is light: **1Timothy 6:16**  
Christians dwell in His light.

### Jesus Christ Is the Light of the World

No one can reflect the light of God more brilliantly or perfectly than His Son, Jesus Christ **John 1:1-9**  
Whatever light we have from God today comes through Jesus Christ **John 8:12; 12:46**  
Light from God, & represents righteousness, darkness represents sin  
Either we can choose to believe in Christ and follow Him to walk in light, or we can choose to live in darkness  
Many continue in darkness, rejecting Christ, who brings God's light and blessings associated with it: **2Timothy 1:9-10**  
Truly, Jesus Christ is the light of the world

### Jesus Reveals This Light to Us Through His Word

God's people recognize God's light is found only in His word: **Psalms 119:105,130**  
This Word was given to direct our way through a world darkened by sin.  
Many prefer to live in darkness by rejecting light of gospel **2Corinthians 4:3-4**  
This Gospel is offered to all and will bring us to God's light in Christ.  
Therefore, walking in light is same as walking in the truth of God's word **1John 1:7; 2John 4; 3John 4**  
To dwell in the spiritual light from God through Christ, we must conform our lives to His revealed word

### The Bible Says We Are to Be Lights in The World

The light of God must radiate in our life and lead others to glorify God **Matthew 5:14-16**  
Jesus did not say "Shine your light" as though we were to go around boasting and bragging  
But rather "Let your light shine" implying that we let the good in our lives speak for itself  
Also, the light we're called upon to let shine isn't our own, but from God **2Corinthians 4:6; Philippians 2:14-16**  
So it's really the light of God, which we've allowed Him to put in our hearts, that shines in our lives as we live for  
Christ and hold forth His message of salvation and hope to a lost and dying world  
That's why we're called by the gospel in the first place **1Peter 2:9**  
If we're truly walking in the light of God's word, then that light will shine as an influence for good upon others.

### Are You Shining Bright?

Enjoying the light of God in our hearts imposes upon us certain responsibilities, both positive and negative  
We must reflect Christ's light in the way we live and no longer engage in the works of darkness **Ephesians 5:8-11**  
That's our responsibility as Christians who are walking in the light.  
If you're not yet a Christian, you can come to the light by obeying the gospel of Christ that you might receive  
remission of your sins and be added by the Lord to His spiritual body, the church **Mark 16:15-16**  
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