

ARISE, SHINE FOR YOUR LIGHT HAS COME

Romans 5:8-10

⁸for you were formerly darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord; walk as children of Light ⁹(for the fruit of the Light *consists* in all goodness and righteousness and truth), ¹⁰trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. **Ephesians 5:8-10 NASB**

- What you were is not what you are...you were darkness but now you are Light.

“There was a time when you were nothing but darkness. Now, as Christians, you are the Light itself. Live and act as sons of Light – for the effect of the Light is seen in experiences what is fully pleasing to the Lord. **Ephesians 5:8-10 Weymouth NT**

2 And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, ²in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. ³Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest. ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), ⁶and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus. **Ephesians 2:1-6 NASB**

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. ⁴In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. ⁵The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. **John 1:1-5 NASB**

But he who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God. **John 3:21 NASB**

- We are the light of the world.

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; ¹⁵nor does *anyone* light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. ¹⁶Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven. **Matthew 5:14-16 NASB**

- Our God works (**Ephesians 2:10**) light the way for others to find the Lord...Lighthouses!

³⁵So Jesus said to them, “For a little while longer the Light is among you. Walk while you have the Light, so that darkness will not overtake you; he who walks in the darkness does

not know where he goes. ³⁶While you have the Light, believe in the Light, so that you may become sons of Light.” **John 12:35-36 NASB**

I have come as a Light into the world, so that whoever believes in Me [whoever cleaves to *and* trusts in *and* relies on Me] may not continue to live in darkness. **John 12:46 AMPC**

- The fruit of light (see **Ephesians 5:8-10** on page 1)

¹²Thus engaged I proceeded to Damascus with the authority and orders of the chief priests, ¹³When on the road at midday, O king, I saw a light from heaven surpassing the brightness of the sun, flashing about me and those who were traveling with me. ¹⁴And when we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice in the Hebrew tongue saying to me, Saul, Saul, why do you continue to persecute Me [to harass and trouble and molest Me]? It is dangerous *and* turns out badly for you to keep kicking against the goads [to keep offering vain and perilous resistance]. ¹⁵And I said, Who are You, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus, Whom you are persecuting.

¹⁶But arise and stand upon your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, that I might appoint you to serve as [My] minister and to bear witness both to what you have seen of Me and to that in which I will appear to you, ¹⁷Choosing you out [selecting you for Myself] *and* delivering you from among this [Jewish] people and the Gentiles to whom I am sending you— ¹⁸To open their eyes that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may thus receive forgiveness *and* release from their sins and a place *and* portion among those who are consecrated *and* purified by faith in Me. **Acts 26:12-18 AMPC**

⁹For this reason also, since the day we heard of *it*, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please *Him* in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; ¹¹strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for the attaining of all steadfastness and patience; joyously ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in Light. ¹³For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. **Colossians 1:9-14 NASB**

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a dedicated nation, [God’s] own purchased, special people, that you may set forth the wonderful deeds *and* display the virtues and perfections of Him Who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. **1 Peter 2:9 AMPC**

- The fruit of darkness (see **Ephesians 2:1-6** on page 1)

¹⁹Now the doings (practices) of the flesh are clear (obvious): they are immorality, impurity, indecency, ²⁰Idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, anger (ill temper), selfishness,

divisions (dissensions), party spirit (factions, sects with peculiar opinions, heresies),
²¹Envy, drunkenness, carousing, and the like. I warn you beforehand, just as I did
previously, that those who do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. **Galatians
5:19-21 AMPC**

- God is light.

⁵This 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. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk
in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; ⁷but if we walk in the Light as He
Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son
cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and
the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our
sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned,
we make Him a liar and His word is not in us. **1 John 1:5-10 NASB**

- He 'lights us up!'

For You light my lamp; the Lord my God illumines my darkness. **Psalms 18:28 NASB**

- He is our Light.

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the defense of my life;
whom shall I dread? **Psalms 27:1**

- No fear – Light and love dispel fear.
- He gives us light and life.

For with You is the fountain of life; in Your light we see light. **Psalms 36:9 NASB**

⁶For God, who said, "Light shall shine out of darkness," is the One who has shone in our
hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.
⁷But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the surpassing greatness of the
power will be of God and not from ourselves; **2 Corinthians 4:6-7 NASB**

The Lord make His face shine on you, and be gracious to you; **Numbers 6:25 NASB**

- Light and truth lead us into intimacy.

³O send out Your light and Your truth, let them lead me; let them bring me to Your holy hill
and to Your dwelling places. ⁴Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy;
and upon the lyre I shall praise You, O God, my God. **Psalms 43:3-4 NASB**

- He gives us Light at every turn.

Light is sown *like seed* for the righteous and gladness for the upright in heart. **Psalm 97:11 NASB**

The Lord is God, Who has shown and given us Light [He has illuminated us with grace, freedom, and joy]... **Psalm 118:27 Amplified**

- Light arises in the darkness.

⁴Light arises in the darkness for the upright; *He is* gracious and compassionate and righteous. **Psalms 112:4 NASB**

- The ‘dark-room’ is where ‘negatives’ get exposed and ‘pictures’ of faith are developed.
- The Word: it lightens and enlightens us.

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. **Psalms 119:105 NASB**

The unfolding of Your words gives light; It gives understanding to the simple. **Psalm 119:130 NASB**

- There is a path of Light and Life for you.
But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, that shines brighter and brighter until the full day. **Proverbs 4:18 NASB**

- You haven’t yet seen as clear or as much as you will see.

“I am the Lord, I have called You in righteousness, I will also hold You by the hand and watch over You, and I will appoint You as a covenant to the people, as a light to the nations. **Isaiah 42:6 NASB**

“I will lead the blind by a way they do not know, in paths they do not know I will guide them. I will make darkness into light before them and rugged places into plains. These are the things I will do and I will not leave them undone.” **Isaiah 42:16**