

Jesus

THE TRUE LIGHT

JOHN 8:12 NKJV *Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."*

The spiritual battle we are all facing in this life is the one between "darkness" and "light." What does "darkness" represent in scripture? Although there may be more analogies, I want to point out three that I think are very important for us to understand the nature of the enemy we are facing with the light of the gospel.

IGNORANCE OF SIN.

ROMANS 5:12-14 NKJV *Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned— 13 (For until the law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law. 14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come.*

Paul tells us that spiritual death was reigning in the heart of man and

manifesting in all its sinful forms through Adam's race even though sin had not been explained in specific commands that could be disobeyed as with Adam who was given a command by God, "Not to eat of the forbidden tree." When God gave the Decalogue to Moses, it defined sin through each command. Man is no longer in ignorance regarding the nature and expression of sin, we have the light on the subject. Until the Law was given, man's conscience was the "law" that God would hold him accountable for, since man knows "right and wrong" on the conscience level from the first Creation.

In **JOHN 8:1-11** where Jesus forgave the woman caught in adultery, He twice wrote in the sand, probably the sins of her accusers that convicted each one so that they could not "cast the first stone." God wrote on the "tablets of stone" twice as well, giving to mankind the moral law to base all other law upon. Mankind is no longer ignorant of sin.

UNGODLY CHARACTER.

ROMANS 5:6 NKJV *For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.*

EPHESIANS 4:17-19 NKJV *This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, 18 having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; 19 who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.*

ROMANS 1:21 NKJV *because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.*

Darkness represents a godless life which manifests the character of the devil.

JOHN 8:44 NKJV *You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.*

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Apostle John tells us the whole world is walking in darkness. **1 JOHN 5:19 NKJV** *We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one.* The only way out of darkness is to receive the Life of God through Jesus Christ.

JOHN 1:5-9 NKJV *And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. 6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. 8 He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. 9 That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world.*

DEMONIC POWER.

EPHESIANS 6:10-12 NKJV. *Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.*

Paul explains that demons rule the “darkness” and that satan’s kingdom is known as the “domain of darkness” from which believers are delivered in the New Birth. **COLOSSIANS 1:13 NKJV.** *He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,*

So how does the Church deal with the darkness to overcome it?

EXPOSE SIN.

EPHESIANS 5:7-11 NKJV. *Therefore do not be partakers with them. 8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light 9 (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), 10 finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. 11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them.*

Jesus was hated because He exposed sin, and was killed for this reason. **JOHN 3:19 NKJV** *And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.*

Now the Born Again believer is the “light of the world” with the task of exposing sin for what it is by preaching the totality of the inspired scripture. **MATTHEW 5:14 NKJV.** *“You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.*

REVEAL THE CHARACTER OF GOD.

JOHN 1:1-4 NKJV *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. 4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.*

We have the Life of God in us now and share His Essence. The Fruit of the Spirit denotes the character of God that is the “light of life.” When we walk in godly character we are the “city set on a hill” for all to see, showing the world what God is really like, just as Jesus did when He

was here on earth. We see in **JOHN 14:6-9** that Jesus provided the **WAY** to the Father, so we could “Know the **TRUTH** about the Father, and Receive the **LIFE** of the Father.

DELIVER PEOPLE FROM DEMONIC POWER.

JOHN 9:1-4 NKJV *Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. 2 And His disciples asked Him, saying, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” 3 Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him. 4 I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work.*

While Jesus was on earth He destroyed the works of the devil, that job has been delegated to the Church now that Jesus has gone into heaven as Apostle and High Priest. **JOHN 14:12-14 NKJV.** *“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. 13 And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.*

The Light overcomes the darkness in all three areas. Let us walk as “sons of light.” **PHILIPPIANS 2:15 NKJV.** *that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world,*



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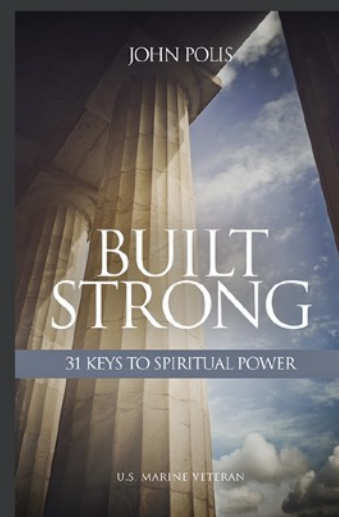
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