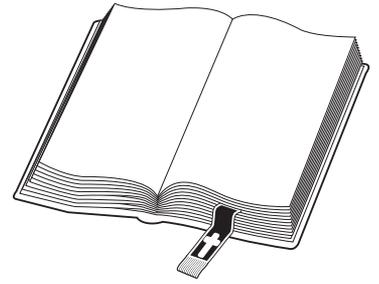


God Gives Light in Darkness

“The entrance of Your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.”

Psalm 119:130



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Beloved, it is important for every Christian to read the Bible daily, and it is important to memorize God’s Word. However, we need to go beyond head knowledge. We need to obey this scripture and allow the light of God’s Word to enter our heart and soul so that it can dispel all the darkness in every area of our lives. We live in a world full of darkness. Some of us live in dark, painful situations every day: tests, trials, temptations, and sorrow. We need to go to the Bible for wisdom, guidance, comfort, encouragement, hope, and even correction. We need to allow God’s Word to enter our heart so that we can see every situation as He does. We need to be quick to obey God’s Word. I repeat that, quick to obey God’s Word.

When we need direction and wisdom in making decisions, we do not need to stumble around in the dark. Psalm 119:105 reads, *“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”* John 12:35 reads, *“Then Jesus said to them, ‘A little while longer the light is with you. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you; he who walks in darkness does not know where he is going.’”* Beloved, Jesus is the light. He lives within the heart of every true believer. The only way darkness can overcome a true believer is when we rebel and stubbornly refuse to walk in obedience to the light of God’s Word. When we refuse to go to the Bible for help and direction and when we refuse to heed godly counsel and walk in darkness, we are wide open for the attacks of Satan.

We are wide open to be deceived and make decisions that will destroy our lives and those around us.

1 John 1:5-7 reads, *“This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.”* Beloved, for 38 years I lived in darkness, the darkness of sin and suffering. Some of it was what others had done to me, and some was the consequences of my own sin. After I put my trust in Christ as my Savior in March 1976, I daily read the Bible. Obedience to the Bible was like turning on the light in a dark house room by room and watching the power of the Holy Spirit and God’s AMAZING GRACE dispel the darkness of sin and suffering in my life. Please allow the Lord to bring His light into every dark area of your life.

To you nonbelievers, this is a dark world, but Jesus Christ can bring light into every dark situation. Would you surrender your life to Christ today and allow Him to help you? I pray you will do this.

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All scripture is taken from the New King James Version of the Bible.

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