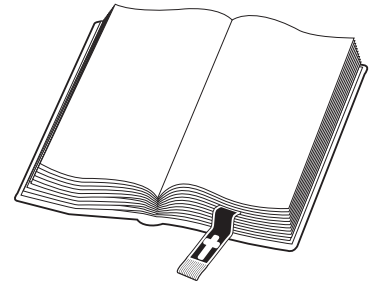


# True Believers Love Light

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

Psalm 119:130



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John 3:19-21 reads, *“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. For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God.”* From this scripture, it is easy to tell if we love light or darkness. If we are true believers, **we will love light**. Jesus is the only true light! If we love Jesus, we will love His Word. If we love Jesus, we will obey His Word. We will hate sin. Those who want to live in sin love darkness and want to hide their sins. Some people sin in secret or only do it around others who want to live in darkness. There will always be conflict between those who live in the darkness of sin and those who truly love Jesus and want to live in the light because the light of Jesus Christ in one person will expose the darkness in another.

Just as oil and water do not mix, light and darkness do not mix. Jesus had no darkness in His life. Those who love Him want to come to Him so that they can be set free of all the darkness that is in their life. They are not afraid of the light. They have no fear of exposure because they want nothing hidden or covered up. When Jesus lived on the earth, those who wanted truth and light left all to follow Him. Those who loved darkness because their deeds were evil rejected, mocked, and hated Him. They tried to turn everyone against Him. They crucified Him, loving darkness rather than light. Even death could not put the light of this world out. Jesus rose again! No one can put out His light!

1 John 2:8-11 reads, *“Again, a new commandment I write to you, which thing is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining. He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness until now. He who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him. But he who hates his brother is in darkness and walks in darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.”* Beloved, this scripture is a test in all of our lives. It is a test that reveals if the true light of Christ is in our heart. Jealousy, envy, pride, anger, bitterness, and unforgiveness are all sin and hate. Sin that brings about a darkness in our lives, causing us to be deceived and blind to truth.

1 John 3:15 reads, *“Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.”* Those who love Jesus will be quick to repent when the light of God’s Word exposes those sins. Those who hate the light because their deeds are evil will run from the light, blame-shifting, excusing, and refusing to walk in the light of truth. Our actions will reveal if we love darkness or light. GOD’S AMAZING GRACE and the light of His Word cleanses my heart daily and fills it with His love for His people. I hope it is the same with you.

— Janice McBride

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

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