

When Christ Enters In A Consecration To Realize 1 John 1.5-7

Last week as we started our study of 1 John we look at the vital element in our spiritual life of our Salvation in that there is,

- **A Conversion to Confess** – One must be Born Again.

Once one calls out Audibly to the Lord Jesus Christ for their forgiveness, salvation, and His Lordship; believing that God indeed physically resurrected the Lord Jesus Christ from grave, then they are born again or saved. Everything changes for them. They are,

- **Adopted into the Family of God.** A New relationship.
- **Citizens of Heaven.** The Glorious Kingdom of God.
- **Forgiven of all their sins.** Washed in the Precious Shed Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- **Indwelt by the Holy Spirit of God.** God now dwells within them.

When a person is Born Again or Saved they are no longer the same as they for the moment before their salvation. They are,

- **New Creatures**

2 Corinthians 5:17 - Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

- **Transformed by the renewing of their minds**

*Romans 12:1–2 - I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. ²And be not conformed to this world: **but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind,** that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*

- **And many other things revealed in the Word of God.**

The problem is that in their mind they are still who they were just moments ago. God instantly makes bold and supernatural changes within them, yet they still look the same,

they still have the same name, the same people are still a part of their life, and they have no understanding of all the glorious things that God has done for them at the moment of their salvation. They will have to learn and discover all the things that God has done for them at the moment of their salvation.

This is what our text reveals.

Read 1 John 1. 5-7

At the moment of your salvation you move from worldly darkness into the Glorious Light of the Lord Jesus Christ. Our text says,

1 John 1:5–6 - This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

A. Darkness and Light (vs 5-6) – What is Darkness? What is Light?

Psalm 105.10

God always explains what He means when He states things through His Word. The Word of God is the best commentary on the Word of God.

Darkness Is,

1. Rebellion against God is Darkness (Psalm 107.10-15)

*Psalm 107:10–15 - Such as sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, being bound in affliction and iron; ¹¹**Because they rebelled against the words of God, and contemned the counsel of the most High:** ¹²Therefore he brought down their heart with labour; they fell down, and there was none to help.*

Darkness is **Rebellion** against the Words of God and **Contemning** the Counsel of God.

To **Contemn** something is to despise it.

¹³**Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble, and he saved them out of their distresses.** ¹⁴**He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death,** and brake their bands in sunder. ¹⁵Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

The Answer to the darkness of rebellion is repentance. Cry unto God for deliverance (vs 13). This is one's Salvation (vs 13).

Notice that at one's salvation they are brought out of "Darkness and the shadow of death." (vs 14).

That is that God gives you his Truth which reveals His Mind and Way. God gives you all of this through the Word of God, which is God's revelation to you.

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But God gives you so much more than just His Word, He gives you the Holy Spirit of God in you to illuminate the Word of God within you. The Holy Spirit will teach you the deep things of God woven into the written Word of God.

Prov 2.10

Darkness is Rebellion against the Words of God.

2. To walk in the Way of Evil and Froward Men is Darkness

Proverbs 2:10–15 - When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul; ¹¹Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee: ¹²To deliver thee from the way of the evil man, from the man that speaketh froward things; ¹³Who leave the paths of uprightness, to walk in the ways of darkness; ¹⁴Who rejoice to do evil, and delight in the frowardness of the wicked; ¹⁵Whose ways are crooked, and they froward in their paths:

Prov 4.19

Proverbs 4:19 - The way of the wicked is as darkness: they know not at what they stumble.

We have **the Way of evil men** and the way of the wicked is darkness.

To be **Froward** is to be crooked, not straight, or out of the way. God's way is the straight way, the only right and righteous way.

This way is any way that ignores or rebels against God and His Way of righteousness.

This world and its multitudes think they have a great way to go. Their way is,

- **The way of education** – Not all education is dark but any education that disregards God and declares another way other than God's way is dark, forward and evil.
- **The way of the multitudes** – They think their way is right because their way is the way of the masses.
- **The way that seems right to them** – If it feels right in my heart then it must be right.

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 - 2. To Walk in the way of evil and forward men**

***Proverbs 16:25** - There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.*

***Jeremiah 17:9** - The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?*

These evil people do not always appear evil. They may be the nicest, sweetest people. Kind, giving, generous, helpful, and even religious. **But if they reject the truth and light of God then they are in rebellion and darkness;** they are evil in the sight of God. They walk in crooked ways rather than righteousness.

Isa 5.20

3. **To put darkness for light** – They call their evil good. They redefine evil and good.

***Isaiah 5:20** - Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; **that put darkness for light, and light for darkness;** that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!*

They have a different set of values than those of the people of God who love the truth and light of God. They have a different kind of light. This is like the difference between bright light and a black light.

***Ecclesiastes 2:14** - The wise man's eyes are in his head; **but the fool walketh in darkness:** . . .*

God says a fool walks in darkness, when light is available to them.

B. Lighting your own fire – False Light

Isa 50.10

*Isaiah 50:10–11 - Who is among you that feareth the LORD, that obeyeth the voice of his servant, **that walketh in darkness, and hath no light? . . .***

Notice here that those that fear the Lord can walk in darkness just as lost rebellious people walk in darkness. Some Christians walk in darkness due to,

- **A Lack of the Word of God**
- **A Lack of Discipleship**
- **Wilderness experiences often are a part of our Christian Journey.**

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What are we to do when we walk in apparent darkness?

. . . let him trust in the name of the LORD, and stay upon his God.

Trust God and stay upon God. To stay upon God is to stay in the light of the truth of God; that is to have faith in the Word of God which is our light and truth.

What do people often do? Light your own fire.

¹¹*Behold, all ye that kindle a fire, that compass yourselves about with sparks: walk in the light of **your** fire, and in the sparks that **ye** have kindled. **This shall ye have of mine hand; ye shall lie down in sorrow.***

Notice the result of lighting your own fire, it is sorrow.

What is this lighting your own fire?

Often, as people enter into the light and truth of God they do not always like what God says. So they reject the light and truth of God and they start to define their own set of truths and values, a set that they like. When a person redefines the light and truth of God they are lighting their own fire and producing their own

false light. Then they walk around in the sparks of their own fire and the light of their own fire; but it is not God's light.

Be careful that you do not light your own fire and produce your own light!

Now back to our text in 1 John.

C. Walk in God's Light (vs 7)

*1 John 1:5–7 - This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: ⁷**But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.***

We must get into the Light of God, God's light, and walk in it.

Psm 119.105

1. Where do we find God's Light?

Psalm 119:105 - Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

2 Pet 1.19

The Word of God is the Lamp of God providing the Light of God. The Word of God is the revelation of the Mind of God and the Truth of God and is called the Light of God.

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 - 1. God's Word is our Light

Understand, that most people who will kindle their own fire and their own truth will claim their truth while holding the Bible in their hand. So the Word of God is the lamp and light of God, but how you handle the Word of God will determine whether you have God's light or your own light in your life.

*2 Peter 1:19 - We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, **as unto a light that shineth in a dark place**, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:*

Psalm 19.8

The Word of God will shine a brilliant light into your darkness.

2. How do you approach the Word of God?

Psalm 19:8 - *The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes.*

Psalm 112.4

We ought to come to the Word of God with rejoicing seeking the enlightening of God in our lives. But many people come to the Word of God and instead of seeking God's light and truth they want God to confirm their dark way.

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Your attitude when you come to the word of God will determine if the Word of God is a light for you.

Psalm 112:4 - *Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness: he is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.*

Through God's Word God provides a light for you in the darkness. Whether the darkness is this worlds darkness or your own darkness God will provide light in the midst of the darkness.

Psalm 18.28

Psalm 18:28 - *For thou wilt light my candle: the LORD my God will enlighten my darkness.*

Will you allow God to light your candle in life? Or will you kindle your own fire? You should want God to light your candle for you.

Eph 5.8

Here is what God seeks to do for you at the time of your salvation.

Ephesians 5:8–11 - ***For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:*** ⁹*(For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;)* ***Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord.*** ¹¹*And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.*

Prov 6.23

Understand that this worlds light, which may be your light in life, is not God's light and truth. Reprove that dark light that seeks to draw you away from the

truth of God and seek to walk in the light and truth of God and revealed in God's Word.

Learn to say with the the Psalmist,

Psalm 43:3 - *O send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead me; let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles.*

What is the light for your life?

Proverbs 6:23 - *For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of*
1 Pet 2:2 *tion are the way of life:*

God says to new Christians,

1 Peter 2:2 - *As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:*

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Are you Walking in God's light?

God has provided a light for you in the Lord Jesus Christ through the Word of God. Are you walking in the light of God?

If you are you will have and know sweet fellowship with God and with one another. Any thing is is darkness in comparison.

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