

6 – THE LIGHT TO HELP US IN DARK TIMES

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He has enabled you to share in the inheritance that belongs to his people, who live in the light.¹³ For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son, Colossians 1:12b-13 (NLT)

_____ = confusion, conflict, disappointment, loss, loneliness, grief, stress, anxiety, fear, heartbreak, depression, & despair

_____ = clarity, peace, assurance, discovery, joy, truth, purpose, confidence, guidance, relief, hope, & life

Even though people may live for many years, they should enjoy every one of them. But they should also remember there will be many dark days... Ecclesiastes 11:8 (GW)

They will wander through the land, dejected and hungry. When they are famished, they will become enraged, and, looking upward, will curse their king and their God.²² They will look toward the earth and see only distress, darkness, and the gloom of affliction, and they will be driven into thick darkness. Isaiah 8:21-22 (HCSB)

The people who walk in darkness shall see a great Light—a Light that will shine on all those who live in the land of the shadow of death. Isaiah 9:2 (TLB)

• Without _____ There Would Be No _____!

This is the message we heard from Jesus and now declare to you: God is light, and there is no darkness in him at all. 1 John 1:5 (NLT)

And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light.⁴ God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness.⁵ God called the light “day,” and the darkness he called “night.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day. Genesis 1:1-5 (NIV)

God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars.¹⁷ God set them in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth,¹⁸ to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good.¹⁹ And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day. Genesis 1:14-19 (NIV)

The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. Revelation 21:23 (NIV)

I have come as a light to shine in this dark world, so that all who put their trust in me will no longer remain in the dark. John 12:46 (NLT)

• Biblical Belief = _____ & _____ (John 3:14-16, Numbers 21:4-8)

IF I TRUST KING JESUS, I CAN EXPERIENCE LIGHT THAT...

1. _____ MY _____.

Like the blind we grope along the wall, feeling our way like people without eyes. At midday we stumble as if it were twilight; among the strong, we are like the dead. Isaiah 59:10 (NIV)

Jesus said to the people, “I am the Light of the world. So if you follow me, you won’t be stumbling through the darkness, for living light will flood your path.” John 8:12 (TLB)

Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path. Psalm 119:105 (NIV)

Don’t get involved with the fruitless works of darkness; instead, expose them to the light of God.¹² You see, it’s a disgrace to speak of their secrets (so don’t even talk about what they do when no one is looking). Ephesians 5:11-12 (VOICE)

2. _____ MY _____.

If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth.⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.⁸ If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:6-9 (NIV)

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Matthew 5:8 (NIV)

In the past you were full of darkness, but now you are full of light in the Lord. So live like children who belong to the light.⁹ Light brings every kind of goodness, right living, and truth. Ephesians 5:8-9 (NCV)

3. _____ MY _____.

I am suffering and in pain. Rescue me, O God, by your saving power. Psalm 69:29 (NLT)

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.

James 5:16 (NIV)

4. _____ MY _____ & _____.

I pray for you constantly,¹⁷ asking God, the glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, to give you spiritual wisdom and insight so that you might grow in your knowledge of God.¹⁸ I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope he has given to those he called... Ephesians 1:16b-18a (NLT)

For God, who said, “Let there be light in the darkness,” has made this light shine in our hearts so we could know the glory of God that is seen in the face of Jesus Christ. 2 Corinthians 4:6 (NLT)

5. _____ MY _____ TO _____ OTHERS.

But you are God's chosen and special people. You are a group of royal priests and a holy nation. God has brought you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Now you must tell all the wonderful things he has done. 1 Peter 2:9 (CEV)

Commitment: I Invite God's Kingdom Light To Shine On These Areas:
