

1 John Series

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1 John 1:5, “And this is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all.”

1. Light translates the Hebrew, 'or; the Greek *phos*, both meaning light, brilliance, brightness, illumination, also sunlight, daylight, torchlight, firelight. These are used metaphorically for a number of things including: life, justice, righteousness, judgment, the glory of God, truth, divine revelation.

2. Light is used as a metaphor for kingdom of God and the plan of God in contrast to darkness which is used as a metaphor for the kingdom of Satan, carnality, sin, and evil.

Prov. 2:13, “From those who leave the paths of uprightness, to walk in the ways of darkness;”

**Prov. 4:19, “The way of the wicked is like darkness;
They do not know over what they stumble.”**

Acts 26:18, “to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the dominion of Satan to God, in order that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me.”

Col. 1:13, “For He delivered us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son,”

3. Light is frequently a metaphor for God's essence.

ESSENCE OF GOD

Sovereign

Omniscience

Righteousness

Omnipresent

Justice

Omnipotent

Love

Veracity

Eternal Life

Immutability

Psa. 104:2,

**“Covering Thyself with light as with a
cloak,
Stretching out heaven like a tent
curtain.”**

Ex. 13:21, “And the LORD was going before them in a pillar of cloud by day to lead them on the way, and in a pillar of fire by night to give them light, that they might travel by day and by night.”

**Hab. 3:4, “His radiance is like the
sunlight; He has rays flashing from
His hand, and there is the hiding of
His power.”**

Psa. 4:6, “Many are saying, ‘Who will show us any good?’ Lift up the light of Thy countenance upon us, O LORD!”

Psa. 44:3, “For by their own sword they did not possess the land; And their own arm did not save them; But Thy right hand, and Thine arm, and the light of Thy presence, For Thou didst favor them.”

Psa. 89:15, “How blessed are the people who know the joyful sound! O LORD, they walk in the light of Thy countenance.”

4. Light in reference to its brightness and white purity is used as an illustration of the righteousness of God.

**Job 30:26, “When I expected good,
then evil came; When I waited for
light, then darkness came.”**

Isa. 5:20, “Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness; Who substitute bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!”

Isa. 58:8, “Then your light will break out like the dawn, and your recovery will speedily spring forth; And your righteousness will go before you; The glory of the LORD will be your rear guard.”

Mic. 7:9, “I will bear the indignation of the LORD because I have sinned against Him, until He pleads my case and executes justice for me. He will bring me out to the light, and I will see His righteousness.”

5. Light in its piercing quality, illuminating and revealing what is in the darkness, is a metaphor for the justice of God.

ESSENCE OF GOD

Sovereign

Omniscience

Righteousness

Omnipresent

Justice

Consistent

Love

Eternal

Righteousness

Love

Justice

Truth

Amos 5:18, “Alas, you who are longing for the day of the LORD, for what purpose will the day of the LORD be to you? It will be darkness and not light;”

Amos 5:20, “Will not the day of the LORD be darkness instead of light, even gloom with no brightness in it?”

7. The presence of light often refers to the Veracity of God; His eternal truth.

Psa. 43:3, “O send out Thy light and Thy truth, let them lead me; Let them bring me to Thy holy hill, and to Thy dwelling places.”

Psa. 36:9, “In Thy light, we see light.”

8. Specifically, light then describes more specifically the facets or components of God's Integrity: His righteousness, justice, and truth.

Psa. 89:14, “Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Thy throne; Lovingkindness and truth go before Thee.

Psa. 89:15, “How blessed are the people who know the joyful sound! O LORD, they walk in the light of Thy countenance.”

9. The veracity of truth of God then is the attribute underlying His revelation. So light is used to represent the illumination of divine truth. Bible doctrine lights our thinking and way in life.

John 1:4, “In Him was life and the life was the light of men.”

Prov. 6:23, “For the commandment is a lamp, and the teaching is light; and reproofs for discipline are the way of life.”

10. In conclusion, light represents the totality of the divine essence with special emphasis on His righteousness, justice, truth, and the illumination and guidance which Bible doctrine provides.

11. Darkness in contrast is used to represent the totality of that which is opposed to God, Satan, his kingdom, his systems of thought called the cosmic system, immorality, sin, and evil which characterize his plan and procedure.

12. Conclusion.

- a. Light and darkness are mutually exclusive and incompatible.**
- b. This means there can be no compromise between the plan of God for the Church Age believer and the strategy of Satan for ruling this world through the thought forms of the cosmic system.**
- c. Since they are mutually exclusive man is operating in either one or the other.**

- d. The believer inside the kosmic system is the enemy of God, James 4:4; the enemy of the cross, Phil. 3:18; an antichrist, 1 John 2:18.**
- e. Nevertheless, though the believer is eternally secure and cannot lose his salvation, but will lose rewards, destroy his spiritual advantage, and experience shame at the judgment seat of Christ, 1 John**
- f. The believer is therefore in a continuous battle between darkness and light, sin nature vs. Holy Spirit, self-centered arrogance and humility toward God.**

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**ETERNAL
REALITIES**

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ACTS 16:31

IN CHRIST

**Baptism by the
Holy Spirit**

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**FILLED BY
THE
HOLY SPIRIT**

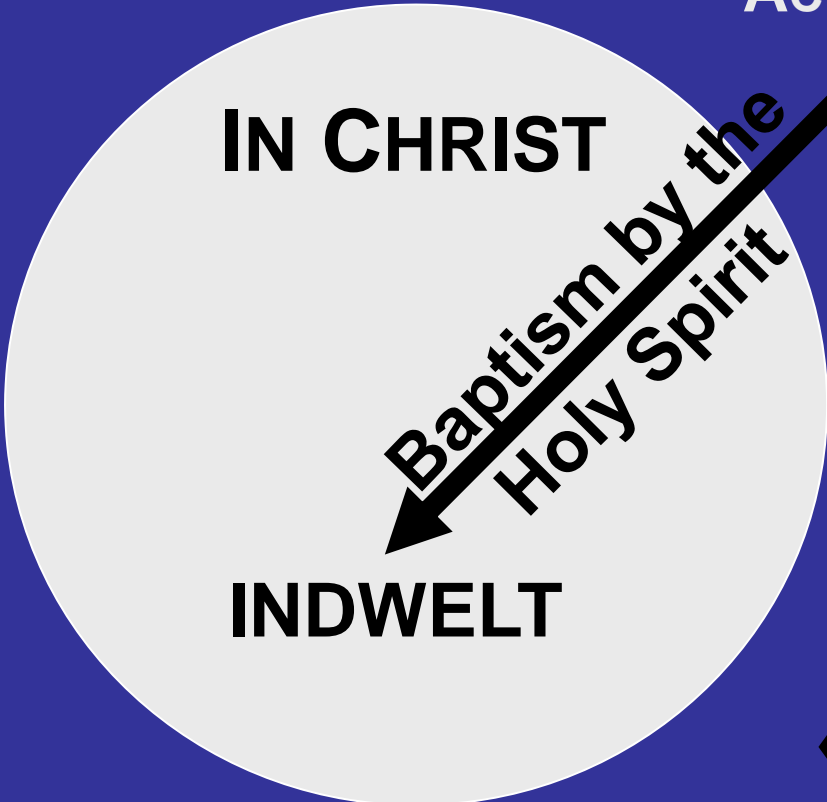
**“Walking by the
Holy Spirit”**

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ACTS 16:31



CARNALITY
Sin Nature Control

1. It refers to the INTEGRITY of God:

2. It refers to the REVELATION of who God is in terms of His essence, His standards, and His thinking.

3. It refers to the STANDARD by which the believer lives in order to experience the fullness of life, the abundant life, which is ours in Christ.

1. Lexical:

- a. *peripateo*, used literally of the forward step-by-step motion. Or used figuratively to conduct oneself or behave in a particular manner; to live. The metaphorical meaning represents the entire panorama of a person's life, including both thought life and overt action.

2. Walking is a crucial term to describe the characteristics of the believer's life. The overall mandate is to walk worthy, (Eph. 4:1; Col. 1:10; 1 Thess. 2:12)

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a. Walk in a sphere or realm, the use of *en* plus the dative of sphere or just the dative of sphere.

in the day (Rom. 13:13) or in the light (Eph. 5:8, 1 John 1:6), not in darkness (1 John 1:7)

walk in newness of life, Rom. 6:4 in Him (Col. 2:6)

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a. Light represents absolute perfection, darkness represents all that has been tainted by sin. Light represents the absolute righteousness of God.

1 Tim. 6:15, “He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords;”