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We are so glad that you chose to download this eBooklet as our gift to you. Jesus taught us in Acts 20:35, "It is more blessed to give than to receive," and we aspire to follow our Lord's teaching. The Apostle Paul also understood this concept, "What is my reward then {for preaching and giving the gospel away freely}? *Verily* that, when I preach the gospel, I may make the gospel of Christ without charge" (I Corinthians 9:18). Paul came to realize that to serve the Word *without charge* was both a blessing to those who received the Word and to himself personally because he understood that God Himself is the reward, "I *am* thy shield, *and* thy exceeding great reward" (Genesis 15:1, and see Hebrews 11:6). When you have God in your life as your *exceeding great reward*, then being *with God* you will have everything you need to begin enjoying the more than abundant life. Our prayer for you is that you come to know experientially that "with God all things are possible" (Mark 10:27).

Enjoy, and God Bless You!

Introduction

God's light given to us expels the fear that heaven is not a place where we are heading, as no one and no sin can prevent you from going because no one can take you out of Jesus or God's hands — no, not me, not even you! God's light gives to each believer an expected end of receiving everlasting life.

The Scripture used throughout this study is quoted from the King James Version unless otherwise noted. Any explanatory insertions by the author in any of the Scripture verses are enclosed in {braces}.

God is Light

Psalms 36:9:

For with thee {God} *is* the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light.

In this study we will be looking at some of the lovely qualities of God that relate to Him as being Light, and some of the features of His calling us to walk in His Light. As one seeks to understand God's relationship with us individually, the believer will discover that "He hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light" (I Peter 2:9), and therefore we have been called into fellowship with His refreshing — *fountain of life*.

God is omniscient with the knowledge of creation and all true spiritual enlightenment, and this enlightenment we will be spotlighting. As we humbly come to God's Word, we can tap into a delightful relationship with Him, and begin enjoying His enriching *fountain of life* because we have been called into His *marvellous light*.

I John 1:5:

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.

What a divine message this is to declare to the children of God, *that God is light*, and thus in Him there can be *no darkness at all!* Isaiah 60:1 heralds "ARISE, shine;

for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee," well — Praise the LORD!

This is such a far cry from how I was lead to think and believe as I was growing up, I thought, as I was taught, that God brought harm to His children when they made mistakes. Nevertheless, if this were true, really true, then there certainly would be *darkness* in Him; however, and thankfully, our *God is light*, and thus He is the quintessence of spiritual life, energy, creation, and light.

Isaiah 9:2:

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

Ephesians 5:8:

For ye were sometimes {in} darkness {before salvation}, but now *are ye* light in the Lord: walk as children of light:

In the Gospel of John, Jesus said, "God is Spirit" (John 4:24), and we are encouraged by the Scriptures to "walk in the Spirit" (Galatians 5:16). Now we see another dimension of God because the Bible also teaches us that He *is light*, and we are further encouraged to walk as His children of light.

When we *walk in the light* of God's Word, we indeed walk in the light of our calling of His *marvellous light*, which will deliver anyone from spiritual *darkness!* This is why we read in I Thessalonians 5:5, "Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day."

Children of the day is a description of us today and can be translated as being the sons of the *day*, and *children of the light* is a description of us today and can be translated as being the sons of the *light*, and every future day from this time onward, for we are now and always God's precious children.

Psalms 112:4:

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

Psalms 119:105:

Thy word *is* a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

According to God's healing Word, which is a *lamp* unto our *feet*, the Word can shine down on the path of life we are on as we continue walking with God in the *light* because we are undeniably *the sons of light, and the sons of the day*. The psalmist wrote, "For with thee is the fountain of life: **in thy light shall we see light** {emphasis supplied}" (Psalms 26:9).

"We are the children of God: and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ" declares the message in Romans 8:16-17, because it is so. Even though sometimes we may perhaps think — "I'm more like a child of the night," and "totally undeserving," but truthfully there is nothing that you could do so wrong that you were no longer your earthly mother and father's son or daughter and the same is true for us as being members of God's precious family.

The self-deprecating confessions of the Christian man or woman to refute God's light reminds me of a verse in Psalms 139:11, which reads "If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me {then God's Word answers}; even the {*darkness* of} night shall be light about me," because with God there is light!

You see, God cannot be your heavenly Father today and tomorrow change His mind and the next day accept you back again, "For the gifts and calling of God *are* without repentance" (Romans 11:29), meaning that God will never repent, He will never recant His calling you into His household (Ephesians 2:19).

Jeremiah 29:11:

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

True, we all had an unexpected end that may not have been so glorious, in fact, it may have been frightening before we came to God's *marvelous light*, when we perhaps wondered which side of the ledger we were on wherein, "some {will go} to everlasting life, and some {will go} to shame *and* everlasting contempt" (Daniel 12:2), but now by God's grace we have *an expected end*.

Let us read Jeremiah 29:11 again and allow all of its wonderful light to enter into our soul:

Jeremiah 29:11 (The Amplified Bible):*

For I know the thoughts *and* plans that I have for you, says the Lord, thoughts *and* plans for {your} welfare *and* peace and not for evil, to give you hope in your final outcome.

Thankfully, there is a God-given test that we can take that will prove to our heart's content that we are in the light, that we are walking in the light, that we are the children of God, and that we do have *an expected end*. "He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him" (I John 2:7).

In this test, he who applies love *abideth in the light*, and each individual decides (with love) if he or she receives a passing grade. If one refuses to walk in love then it is true that he or she will be walking away from the light, but this does not change his or her Christian standing as God still is his or her heavenly Father, and His forgiveness is always a love-thought away, in this very hour and at this very minute you may control the dimmer switch to the wide-open setting.

Whenever and wherever we simply apply the love of God we can be assured that we are in the light; that we have passed the test.

So please do not fear that heaven is not a place where you are heading, as no one and no sin can prevent you from going because no one can take you out of Jesus or God's hands — no, not even you!

John 10:28-29:

-28: And I {Jesus} give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any *man* pluck them out of my hand.

29: My Father, which gave *them* me, is greater than all; and no *man* is able to pluck *them* out of my Father's hand.

Wherever and whenever "we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another {which takes loving one another}, and {as an extra bonus, so-to-speak} the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin" (I John 1:7), and thus *there is none occasion of stumbling*. Well praise the LORD for this *expected end!*

Philippians 2:15 communicates that “we shine as lights in the world,” and as *lights* we have the privilege and opportunity to share God’s love, and in so doing we shine a spotlight on the light of God’s love for others.

By our reaching out with His love to bless another human being, we literally bring a little LIGHT into someone’s heart because “Ye are {according to Jesus} the light of the world” (Matthew 5:14).

James 1:17-18:

-17: Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above {from God}, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. {Because God emanates light from every direction leaving no shadow, thus *in Him is no darkness at all.*}

-18: Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures {creation}.

Is not the Word of God truly awe-inspiring? We were *begat*, which means that we are born into God’s light, and we grow with His light in our souls, because we belong to His very own household (Ephesians 2:19), and we verify this throughout *the word of truth*. “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven” (Matthew 5:16).

Walking in the light, loving one another allows us to pass *glory* up to our *Father which is in heaven!*

To walk in the light of our heavenly Father’s Word is glorifying Him and is something all believers can practice on a daily basis, as their faith in a loving and forgiving God strengthens.

Ephesians 2:19:

Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God.

I Peter 1:3-4:

-3: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

-4: To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you {i.e., this is your *expected end*}.

The more we discover *the Father of lights*, the more of His *marvellous light* is introduced into our lives, allowing us to see the treasure we are to Him and illuminating the treasures we truly have in Christ, as well as our future inheritance of *an expected end* that we will enjoy throughout all of eternity. When walking in the light one can discover the warmth of the Father's eternal light, for, as *God is light*, so are you in this world.

"God Bless You!"

Benediction:

Colossians 1:11-12 (The Amplified Bible): **

-11: [We pray] that you may be invigorated *and* strengthened with all power according to the might of His glory, [to exercise] every kind of endurance and patience (perseverance and forbearance) with joy.

-12: Giving thanks to the Father, Who has qualified *and* made us fit to share the portion which is the inheritance of the saints (God's holy people) in the Light.

Following are two enLIGHTening quotes written by Helen Keller:

"I know that faith made my life possible and that of many others like me... Reason hardly warranted Anne Sullivan's attempt to transform a little half-human, half-animal, deaf-blind child into a complete human being. Neither science nor philosophy had set such a goal, but faith, the eye of love did. I did not know I had a soul. Then the God in a wise heart drew me out of nothingness with cords of human love and the life belt of language, and lo, I found myself. In my doubly shadowed world, faith gives me a reason for trying to draw harmony out of a marred instrument. Faith is not a cushion for me to fall back upon; it is my working energy." Helen Keller

"Have you ever been at sea in a dense fog, when it seemed as if a tangible white darkness shut you in and the great ship, tense and anxious, groped her way toward the shore with plummet and sounding-line, and you waited with beating heart for something to happen? I was like that ship before my education began, only I was without compass or sounding line, and no way of knowing how near the harbor was. 'Light! Give me light!' was the wordless cry of my soul, and the light of love shone on me in that very hour." Helen Keller

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