

FirstFruits Gathering At Harvest Christian Church

Jesus Is The Light, Never Walk In Darkness

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John 8.12 TPT

¹² Then Jesus said, **"I am light to the world, and those who embrace me will experience life-giving light, and they will never walk in darkness."**

- I Am that I Am sent Moses to confront darkness in Egypt. Light was breaking forth in the earth in a new way – a new era had begun.
- Passion footnote – Greek word for "never" is a strong negative. It emphatically says never, NO never do you have to walk in darkness if you embrace Jesus.
 - "Embrace" in Greek means to love, unity, accepting, welcoming, holding someone close in your arms, a sign of affection and warmth.
 - **Jesus is the light and the light brings transformation!**

John 1.2-5 NIV

² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ **In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.** ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

- Darkness is not able to seize the light, to apprehend the light or overtake it. Darkness cannot even comprehend the light – it doesn't understand how light can exist.

In the beginning God said, "Light be!" The words of God are light carriers. When we speak the word of God into our communities we are releasing the light of God. Your words are like the light sabers of Star Wars. They dismantle darkness and bring transformation.

2 Corinthians 11.14 NLT

¹⁴ But I am not surprised! **Even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.**

- Satan wraps himself in the false light of humanism and intellectualism – the underpinnings of the antichrist spirit. It looks good and sounds good, but it is wicked and manipulative.
- Satan brings confusion and accusation.
 - Sabotages confidence.
 - Overtaken by fear.
- The light of God becomes the light in your spirit that brings salvation, deliverance, and freedom. Discern the source of the light by what it produces.

In the light of God confidence grows. Confidence is a fruit of walking in the light of Christ. Confidence means to be free from fear or doubt, to be fully persuaded that God is able to accomplish His promises. Confidence is linked to insight – when fear is removed the ability to see and discern accurately is increased. God is very clear about our identity as believers in Christ. We are heirs and joint heirs with Jesus. We are the head and not the tail. We are more than conquerors and can do all things through Christ who strengthens us. All of this is in the light of Christ Jesus.

It is imperative to walk in the light of Christ in these days that we are in. To know who we believe, who we put our trust in, to know God and the power of His resurrection. Take your stand on the word of truth which is light. God's light will illuminate our path so we can see the future that God has for us. Confidence is an anchor. If we lose confidence, we are no longer anchored to the hope God has placed in our hearts. Without that anchor we lose our way.

The future belongs to God. And we belong to Him. He is the beginning and the end. The future has already been written in Heaven, and God will shine His light through us to illuminate the way. We are to take our place and pray like never before. The light and glory of God is going to be seen brighter than ever before, and nations will come to our light.

2 Corinthians 4.5-6 TPT

⁵ We don't preach ourselves, but rather the lordship of Jesus Christ, for we are your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶ **For God, who said, "Let brilliant light shine out of darkness," is the one who has cascaded his light into us**—the brilliant dawning light of the glorious knowledge of God as we gaze into the face of Jesus Christ.

Habakkuk 3.4 NIV

⁴ **His splendor was like the sunrise;
rays flashed from his hand,
where his power was hidden.**

Isaiah 2.2-3, 5 NIV

² In the last days the mountain of the Lord's temple will be established
as **the highest of the mountains;**

it will be exalted above the hills, and all nations will stream to it.

³ **Many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the temple of the God of Jacob.**

He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths."

The law will go out from Zion, the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

⁵ **Come, descendants of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the Lord.**

John 3.20-21 TPT

²⁰ **So the wicked hate the Light and try to hide from it, for the Light fully exposes their lives.**

²¹ **But those who love the truth will come into the Light, for the Light will reveal that it was God who produced their fruitful works."**

Psalms 65.5 TPT

⁵ You answer our prayers with amazing wonders
and with awe-inspiring displays of power.
You are the righteous God who helps us like a father.

**Everyone everywhere looks to you,
for you are the confidence of all the earth,
even to the farthest islands of the sea.**

Matthew 5.16 TPT

¹⁶ So **don't hide your light! Let it shine brightly** before others, so that your commendable works will shine as light upon them, and then they will give their praise to your Father in heaven.

PRAYER AND DECLARATION:

We declare Luke 11.34-36 over Detroit. ³⁴ The eyes of Detroit are open for the revelation-light to enter in. When the heart of the City is open to the Lord the light floods in. But when the heart of the City is hard and closed, the light cannot penetrate and darkness takes its place. ³⁵ Detroit, open your heart and consider the words of God to you. Watch out that you do not mistake the ways of darkness for God's revelation-light! ³⁶ Detroit, it is your destiny to burn with light, fully illuminated with no trace of darkness, you will be a shining lamp, reflecting rays of truth to the nation.

We declare that Detroit is immovable, firmly rooted in the promises of God and the brilliant light of truth shines out of this City for all to see – the light of God is the confidence of all the earth!