

Special Fellowship - 2022 Summer HS Conference

Two lines in the Bible

Gen. 1:2-4 But the earth became waste and emptiness, and darkness was on the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was brooding upon the surface of the waters. **3** And God said, Let there be light; and there was light. **4** And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness.

Rev. 22:5 And night will be no more; and they have no need of the light of a lamp and of the light of the sun, for the Lord God will shine upon them; and they will reign forever and ever.

God has called us into his life-realm of light (1Pet 2:9 note 6)

1 Pet. 2:9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people acquired for a possession, so that you may tell out the virtues of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

Romans 12:2 And do not be fashioned according to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and well pleasing and perfect.

Colossians 1:12-13 Giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you for a share of the allotted portion of the saints in the light; **13** Who delivered us out of the authority of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,

Word of warning

Colossians 2:8 Beware that no one carries you off as spoil through his philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the elements of the world, and not according to Christ.

Eph. 5:6-7 Let no one deceive you with vain words, for because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. **7** Therefore do not be partakers with them.

1Thes. 2:9-10 The coming of whom is according to Satan's operation in all power and signs and wonders of a lie **10** And in all deceit of unrighteousness among those who are perishing, because they did not receive the love of the truth that they might be saved.

Isaiah 5:20 Woe to those who call evil good, / And good evil; / Who put darkness for light, / And light for darkness; / Who put bitter for sweet, / And sweet for bitter!

Apart from God, man's understanding is darkened

Ephesians 4:18 Being darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance which is in them, because of the hardness of their heart.

Romans 1:21-22 Because though they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God or thank Him, but rather became vain in their reasonings, and their heart, lacking understanding, was darkened. **22** Professing to be wise, they became fools...

28 And even as they did not approve of holding God in *their* full knowledge, God gave them up to a disapproved mind, to do the things which are not fitting,

1John 1:6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and are not practicing the truth;

Apart from God man lives according to the lust in their hearts

Romans 1:24-27 Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to uncleanness, so that they dishonor their bodies among themselves. **25** Who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshipped and served the creation rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen...

26 Therefore God gave them up to passions of dishonor; for their females exchanged the natural use for that which is contrary to nature; **27** And likewise also the males, leaving the natural use of the female, burned in their craving toward one another, males with males committing unseemliness and fully receiving in themselves the retribution of their error which was due.

29-31 Being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, covetousness, malice; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malignity; **30** Whisperers, slanderers, hateful to God, insolent, arrogant, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, **31** Senseless, faithless, affectionless, merciless.

Those walking in the light will be hated because darkness hates the light

John 3:19 And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the light, for their works were evil.

Matthew 24:10 And at that time many will be stumbled and will deliver up one another and will hate one another.

Ephesians 6:12 For our wrestling is not against blood and flesh but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world-rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenlies.

Christ is the light of life

Matt. 4:16 The people sitting in darkness have seen a great light; and to those sitting in the region and shadow of death, to them light has risen." (Isa. 9:2)

John 1:4-5 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. **5** And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

John 8:12 Again therefore Jesus spoke to them, saying, I am the light of the world; he who follows Me shall by no means walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

The word of God is light

Psalm 119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet / And a light to my path.

Psalm 119:130 The opening of Your words gives light, / Imparting understanding to the simple.

Walk as children of light

Ephesians 5:8-15 For you were once darkness but are now light in the Lord; walk as children of light. **9** (For the fruit of the light consists in all goodness and righteousness and truth), **10** Proving what is well pleasing to the Lord. **11** And do not participate in the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather even reprove them. **12** For the things which are done by them in secret it is shameful even to speak of. **13 But all things which are reprovved are made manifest by the light; for everything that makes manifest is light.** **14** Therefore He says, Awake, sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you. **15** Look therefore carefully how you walk, not as unwise, but as wise, **16** Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

1 John 1:7 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 cleanses us from every sin.

Romans 13:12 The night is far advanced, and the day has drawn near. Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the weapons of light.

2 Corinthians 4:6 Because the God who said, Out of darkness light shall shine, is the One who shined in our hearts to illuminate the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Phil. 2:15-16a That you may be blameless and guileless, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverted generation, among whom you shine as luminaries in the world, **16** Holding forth the word of life...

John 11:9b-10 If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. **10** But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him.