

THE GREATER LIGHT

“And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light” (Genesis 1:3 NIV). (The Hebrew translates: “Let light be”). And what was this light? If we read the first chapter of Genesis, we find that God created the sun, moon and stars on the 4th day of creation. “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” (Genesis 1:16).

“...God is light; in him there is no darkness at all” (1 John 1:5).

“The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it” (John 1:5).

In John 1:7, John the Baptist testified concerning that light, so that everyone might believe. “The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world” (John 1:9).

Light and darkness cannot coexist, light dispels the darkness.

“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” (1 John 1:7).



The message of the whole Bible can be summed up in Genesis 1:4, "God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness." He speaks of the light in man's soul. Yes, I know that God made "day" and "night" as regulating forces in an ecosystem; to measure time and allow separation from work and rest. But, perhaps it is more than that. Perhaps Isaiah chapter 60 says it better:

"Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you" (Isaiah 60: 1-2). "...for the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory" (Isaiah 60:19b).

Share the Light – whether in a Candlelight Service, where the server lights the candle of the next person, and that person in turn lights the next person's candle; whether that light is the light of a candle or the light of God's Word. "You are the light of the world...let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:14-16).

"The city, (New Jerusalem) 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).

The Light of the World is Jesus

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The whole world was lost in the darkness of sin;

The Light of the World is Jesus!

Come to the Light; 'tis shining for thee;

Sweetly the Light has dawned upon me,

Once I was blind, but now I can see!

The Light of the world is Jesus!