

JESUS The Life and the Light of Life

John 8:12

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I. Recollections from the last two weeks:

A. From Pining to Praising

Eze 33:10 ...If our...sins *be* upon us, and we pine away in them, how should we then live?

1. Those dead in sins don't pine over sins—But the gospel turns live piners to praisers

Psa 14:1 The fool hath said in his heart, *There is* no God. ...

Rom 10:15 ... How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

- 2. Conclusions:** a) **Jesus is God's cure for sin and death**
b) **The gospel of saved by grace is God's cure for pinning**

B. Cold Waters to a Thirsty Soul

Pro 25:25 *As* cold waters to a thirsty soul, so *is* good news from a far country.

1. The spiritually dead are not thirsty —But the spiritually alive need a drink

Isa 55:1 Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters ...

Rev 22:17 ... let him that is athirst come ...

2. Conclusions: a) The gospel of saved by grace is good news from a far country

b) A little drink of saved by grace will quench the thirst of the soul

C. A passage I wanted to get to in both sermons —But I ran out of time

2Ti 1:8 ... the gospel according to the power of God;

2Ti 1:9 Who hath saved us, and called *us* with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,

2Ti 1:10 But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:

II. A study of the New Testament word ‘light’ —And the way the Bible uses the word

A. Light (Gk.--*photizo*)

2Ti 1:8 ... the gospel according to the power of God ...

2Ti 1:10 ... is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath ... brought life and immortality to **light** (*photizo**) through the gospel:

* *Photizo* -- to enlighten, to illuminate, to make to see, to render evident, to give understanding to, (so that the life is brought to enlightenment thru the gospel)

B. Light (Gk.--*epiphaino*)

Luk 1:76 And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest ...

Luk 1:77 To give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins...

Luk 1:79 To give **light** (*epiphaino**) to them that sit in darkness and *in* the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

* *Epiphaino* -- to become (literally) visible or (figuratively) known, to bring to light, to become clearly known (so that the preacher doesn't give life but light about life)

C. Light (Gk.--*phos*)

Joh 8:12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the **light** (*phos**) of life.

* *Phos* -- from a word that means to make manifest; to expose to the view of all (openly, publicly); the power of understanding (especially spiritual truth)

III. Jesus is giver of the 'Life'

Joh 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Joh 11:25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life ...

Joh 10:28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish ...

Joh 5:21 ... the Son quickeneth whom he will.

Joh 5:25 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.

Joh 5:28 Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice,

Joh 5:29 And shall come forth ...

Joh 17:2 As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him.

2Ti 1:10 ... our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality ...

IV. Jesus is the giver of the 'Light of Life'

Joh 8:12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

Joh 17:4 ... I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do ...

Joh 17:8 For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me ...

Heb 1:1 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,

Heb 1:2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by *his* Son ...

Heb 2:3 ... so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard *him*;

Mar 1:21 ... straightway on the sabbath day he entered into the synagogue, and taught.

Mar 1:22 And they were astonished at his doctrine: for he taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes.

Joh 7:46 The officers answered, Never man spake like this man.

Joh 6:68 ... Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life.

V. The grace of salvation by grace

Eph 1:4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world ...

Eph 1:5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

Eph 1:6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

Eph 1:7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

VI. And the grace of the revelation of salvation by grace

Eph 1:8 Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence;

Eph 1:9 Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:

A. By Jesus' revelation of salvation by grace, men now see the mystery of the gospel

Eph 3:3 How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery...

Eph 3:5 Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit;

Eph 3:7 Whereof **I was made a minister**, according to the gift of the grace of God...

Eph 3:9 ...to make all *men* see what *is* the fellowship of **the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God ...**

Eph 3:10 To the intent that now unto **the principalities and powers in heavenly places** might be **known by the church** the manifold wisdom of God,

B. The gospel has brought to light that which men (and even angels) had never seen

1Pe 1:12 ... which things the angels desire to look into.

1Pe 1:10 Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace *that should come* unto you:

1Pe 1:11 Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ ...

1Pe 1:12 ... which things the angels desire to look into.

VII. Summary of Bible teachings on life and light

A. Jesus brought life and immortality — But Jesus also brought life to light

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2Ti 1:10 But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to **light** (*photizo -- enlightenment, illumination, understanding*) through the gospel:

—Jesus was not just a Savior, but also a teacher

—Through Jesus' death —He gave life

—Through Jesus's teaching —He gave enlightenment about how He gives life

—So, Jesus brought life and immortality

—But Jesus also brought life and immortality to light through His gospel

B. The preacher does not give life —He gives knowledge and light about the life

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Luk 1:77 To give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins...

Luk 1:79 To give **light** (*epiphaino -- that which would cause to become visible or clearly known*) to them that sit in darkness and *in* the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

C. Jesus came as the giver of life and as the giver of light

1. The central teaching of scripture is that Jesus gives eternal life

Joh 10:28 And I give unto them eternal life ...

2. An additional teaching of scripture is that Jesus also gives the light of life

Joh 8:12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the **light** of life.

(phos -- shall have the power of understanding of life, shall have that which would give the knowing of life, shall have that which would be to the exposing of life to view)