

## In Him Was Life

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“In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.” (John 1:4-5)

Metaphorically speaking there is a kind of darkness which does not understand the light of Jesus.

But light always dispel darkness. Even the glow of a cigarette will illuminate a dark cave to some degree.

What makes us see darkness? What is darkness? Is darkness something we can see? or is it the absence of light that our brain has noted, by which we perceive as darkness?

There is a kind of light which is called invisible light. It is out side of the spectrum of frequencies of light our eyes are made to sense; infra red light. Therefore we cannot see it. So if we were in the middle of a dark cave 1000 feet in the earth and someone had a source of that (infra red) light (which is out of human visible spectrum) and turn it on, as humans we would still perceive darkness even though, there is in fact a very strong source of light energy.

This analytically brings us to the point, that it is the inability of the eye to sense, detect or understand the light, why it is called darkness. In other words, the fact that we do not see something does not mean that it does not exist. We may deny that it is there, or we may close our eyes and refuse to look, literally or figuratively.

Understanding the characteristics of these elements used in the analogy by the Prophet John, we can then apply its extend applications; expanding our comprehension with the knowledge gained.

Evidently there were those, who were in darkness; even the shadow of death, who saw the great light and glorified God. Therefore, the darkness that did not comprehend the light, are those who did not sense the light but perceived darkness. Truly, Darkness is in the eyes of those that behold not light. Jesus bought a kind of light that was invisible to some; but some could or were willing to see. Certainly, the others had willingly closed their eyes or persistently chose to associate with something opaque, which was blocking this life. Did I just say life, Oh! But in him was life and the life was the light of men.

“... I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.” (John 8:12). But men loved the darkness more than light.

“And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light...” (John 3:19).

If light in this sense metaphorically represents the “Life” which Jesus gives, then what does darkness represents? If darkness is the absence of light then \_\_ is the absence of life! Where life is removed it leaves death. Now let’s consider the following text reference:

“The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and **shadow of death** light is sprung up.” (Mat 4:14-16)

If men loved death rather than life, then it boils down to a matter of choice. Evidently the light which Jesus brought was able to illuminate the shadows where many sat. For many saw that light and rejoiced, but most, by choice, shifted their positions in such a way that the opacity of death in them should block the rays of righteousness once

more. In this position, their minds and hearts became insensitive to the spectrum of light emitted from Jesus, which was the life of men. “And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, **because their deeds were evil.**” (John 1:5, 3:19)

We will never know why some choose to receive the light and others the darkness; some righteousness and others evil; some life and others death, but we are sure everyone has that free choice to receive either. One is a gift the other is by default.

“He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.” (John 3:18)

“I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.” (John 12:46)