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Much like bread, being synonymous with food, light is necessary for life. The world would quickly change if there were no more light. In the same way we need *physical* light for physical life, we need *spiritual* light for spiritual life.

This second “I Am” statement from Jesus examines this:

### 1. Jesus is the Light of the World

John 8:12 *“Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, “I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.”*

- Read II Cor. 4:6
- The same God who created physical light in our universe from darkness, is the same God that must give light to our hearts
- The light is the knowledge of the glory of God in Christ Jesus

### 2. The World Loves Darkness

John 3:19 *“And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.”*

The Bible even warns the time will come when people call evil good, and good evil.

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!”*

### 3. The Evidence of a Believer is *Light*

John 8:12b *“He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.”*

### 4. Believers are Called to Share the Light – Eph. 5:8

- We must first repent and receive the Light – you can’t give what you don’t possess
- Then let your light shine before others that they may see God

**Questions:**

1. Think about the world you live in. What are some evidences you see of the darkness that is in this world.
2. Why is it that people love the darkness? Why might some Christians try to fit in and be part of this world?
3. Read Eph. 5:8. In what ways can we show the light of Jesus to the world around us? How can we “walk” as children of light?

**Prayer:** *“Father, thank you for the light that is Jesus! Thank you that He has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. Though we live in this dark world that loves darkness, help us as Your children to shine brightly where we are for You. Help us to keep our affections on things above, to keep our eyes on You. In Jesus’ name, amen.”*