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I John 1:5, *“This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.”*

Today is a special day astronomically speaking. December 11 is the first day that the sun starts setting a little bit later. The sun has been setting at 4:25 for the past 10 days but today it sets at 4:26 p.m. at my home location. The days technically don't get longer until December 22 due to the morning changes, but beginning today we will have a little more daylight in the evening and will continue to do so until June.

There is something most everyone loves about longer days and later sunsets. It gives us more time to do things in the evening and makes us feel better emotionally and mentally. There is something about the light that gives us a good feeling versus the darkness.

We are told in the above verse that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. The light of God is so glorious that in Heaven there is no need of the sun or moon. We are told in Revelation 21:23, *“And*

the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.

God is light but we are told we are light as well. In Ephesians 5:8 Paul wrote, *“For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light.”* We are not only walking in the light, but we are light in the LORD. We are the children of the LORD therefore we are like Him, which makes us light as well.

We are told in John 12:35-36, *“³⁵Then Jesus said unto them, Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth. ³⁶While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light. These things spake Jesus, and departed, and did hide himself from them.”*

We must walk in the light while we have the light available to us. Jesus was going to be departing from them and they would not have Him with them. The time is coming when we will no longer have the opportunity to obey the LORD. We must do so now while there is opportunity. A time of eternal darkness is coming but we can avoid it by walking in the light now and being light ourselves by our obedience to the LORD.

I always love the long evenings and late sunsets. I can't imagine boarding myself up inside and purposely hiding from the light every afternoon until the long dark days of Winter return. But how many are doing that spiritually? They hide themselves from the light of the LORD and walk in darkness their entire lives. Or even worse, people who once walked in the light have returned to darkness to live therein.

—Marty Edwards❖

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Sunday 9 AM & 6 PM — Wednesday 6 PM

News

—Continue to remember **Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins, Jean Coffey, Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton, and Brad Terry. Matthew Edwards** has a severely broken arm. He had to have pins, screws, and a plate. He is in a lot of pain as he recovers.

Shirley Parson had cataract surgery this past Friday. She is recovering but more slowly than the previous eye and has more pain this time.

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II Corinthians 4:4, *“In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.”*

The world lives in darkness. It’s a spiritual darkness that is eternal until spiritual light shines upon them. Paul in writing to the brethren at Corinth refers to the light of the glorious gospel of Christ. The gospel is indeed light. It can illuminate the way for people to come out of darkness into spiritual light.

We are told in Psalm 119:105, *“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.”* Light keeps us on the path. It keeps us from stumbling. The word of God does that for us and it’s up to us to shine the light for others.

How often have you heard someone say something like, “can you move, you are blocking my light.” Let’s make sure we never do anything to block the glorious light of the gospel from others, but let it shine all the time to guide the way for others to come to the LORD.

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Matthew 5:16, *“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.”*

Sunday, December 4, 2016		
Classes	22	Ephesians 5:19
Preaching	24	II Timothy 3:13-17
Contribution	\$582.00	
Evening	17	Singing (Psalm 64:1-10)
Wednesday, December 7, 2016		
Classes	17	Esther 2:1-23

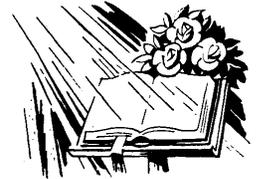
Visitors— Dec 4 (PM) Beulah Baker (Hammonsville, KY)

Bible Quiz

Who took Esther for his own daughter?

Last Week’s Answer— India to Ethiopia (Esther 1:1)

Revelation 21:24, *“And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.”*



—God’s Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)