

# Light

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Can you guess what the biggest complaint is of those who have been put into a dark prison cell? You might think it would be missing family, friends, a favorite food, or their cell phone. But those who have been put into a dark prison cell say that the worst part is being deprived of light. Without light you cannot see what you are doing, or where you are going, or what is in the cell with you. Worse, you soon lose track of time and don't even know for sure what day it is!

How often do we thank God for the wonderful gift of light? God created light on the very first day of Creation.

God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.  
(Genesis 1:3, EHV)

God made light for all. Scientists have been fascinated by light. It is an amazing form of energy—behaving as a wave and as particles at the same time!<sup>1</sup> Light enables us to see clearly. Light enables living things to grow and bear fruit.

In the Bible the Holy Spirit uses "darkness" to bring to mind sin, judgment, ignorance, unbelief, and ultimately hell. "Light," on the other hand, calls to mind rescue, forgiveness, faith, God's revelation of himself, and ultimately salvation.

We deal with darkness every day. A happy day can be ruined by a few dark words from a friend. We can sit in the darkness of our guilt over something bad we have done.

In these instances, what precious gift have we been given that drives away the darkness? Jesus!

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<sup>1</sup> L Piazza et al., "Simultaneous observation of the quantization and the interference pattern of a plasmonic near-field," *Nature Communications*, 6, 6407 (March 2, 2015). <https://doi.org/10.1038/ncomms7407> (accessed 7-7-20)



## Jesus is

The real light that shines on everyone.

(John 1:9, EHV)

We do not place our worth on the words of others, or on what we have done. Jesus' light enables us to see clearly. We are his dearly loved children, based solely on what He has done. On the cross Jesus died for all our sins. Because of Jesus' victory over sin and death, we are forgiven! Because of Jesus' victory, we too are victorious! Because of Jesus' victory, we are his children who live in the light of salvation.

We Pray:

Dear Jesus, help me to be thankful for the wonderful gift of your Light in my life. Use me in any way that my words and actions may reflect your saving light to those who are in darkness around me. Amen

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