

Walking Through the New Testament with Paul the Apostle by His Life and Pen

Theme: We pray that those who hear 'The Greatest Love Story Ever Told', will receive both Light + Sight.

We have seen in our studies thus far the vast difference between Light and Sight. A person may have good natural eyesight but be in complete moral darkness because they have NOT been given the Light of Life, Jesus Christ, as a supernatural gift.

Saul (Paul) like the majority of his religious countrymen, the Pharisees, saw and heard the truth of God's revealed written words in their Hebrew holy books, the Law & Prophets. In addition the Pharisees and Sadducees were confronted with the very Light of God, Jesus Christ, as He walked up and down Israel doing miraculous works which no ordinary man could accomplish and declaring infinite wisdom through His teaching.

Yet very few received moral wisdom, the Light of eternal life, for the salvation of their eternal souls. Why? Because they rejected the Light of Jesus Christ and preferred to remain in darkness.

- John 3:18-19 "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. 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.

We recall from our studies that Saul was traveling towards Damascus intent on persecuting the Christ-followers. Jesus appeared to Saul and gave him eternal sight which is the revelation of Jesus, Himself, the Light of Life.

- Acts 9:3-5 As he journeyed he came near Damascus, and suddenly **a light shone around him from heaven**. Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?" And he said, "Who are You, Lord?" Then the Lord said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.

Saul's immediate response to the revelation of Jesus Christ was clearly recorded and is repeated by all who likewise have been given the gift of saving Sight: - Acts 9:6 So he, trembling and astonished, said, "**Lord, what do You want me to do?**"

Why is this so important? We need to read what Jesus declared about Himself as He explained the critical need for supernatural light which produces moral wisdom.

Our affirmative response to the supernatural gift of Sight will be the same as it was for Saul. The evidence of sight will be, "**Lord, what do You want me to do?**"

The answer to this question of "what shall I do?" is simple and unmistakably clear because it was given by God the Father: - Matthew 17:5 "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. **Hear Him!**"

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When we respond to the truth of God, we become “tellers of Truth.” We tell anyone who will listen about Jesus, the Greatest Love Story Ever Told.

Jesus is clearly the light of man and without Him one is in darkness.

- John 1:4-5 In Him [Jesus] was life, and **the life was the light of men**. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

- John 1:7-9 This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the **true Light which gives light to every man coming into 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.”

- John 12:35-36 Then Jesus said to them, “A little while longer the light is with you. **Walk while you have the light**, lest darkness overtake you; he who walks in darkness does not know where he is going. While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.”

- John 12:45-47 And he who sees Me sees Him who sent Me. **I have come as a light into the world**, that whoever believes in Me **should not abide in darkness**. And if anyone hears My words and does not believe, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world.

- John 14:6 Jesus said to him, “**I am the way, the truth, and the life**. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

- 2 Corinthians 4:3-4 But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest **the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ**, who is the image of God, **should shine on them**.

- 1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the **light** as He is in the **light**, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

After Saul received supernatural Sight, his name was changed to Paul. He immediately began declaring Jesus Christ to be the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world. Most of the known world heard the truth through Paul.

Paul brought Light to those he touched. However, no man is able to produce Sight. Salvation, the Sight of eternal moral wisdom, is a gift exclusively given by the Holy Spirit.

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As we follow Paul's journeys, we recall from previous lessons the Sight-producing experiences of a Jewish woman convert named Lydia, the Gentile jailer + family from Philippi and several new-born Christians in Thessalonica.

We are all urged to do likewise. May we find an innumerable number of eternal souls like the Philippian jailer who would say "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

Dearest Reader, we are called to a most wonderful work. Unimaginable eternal treasure will result as we declare to everyone **The Greatest Love Story Ever Told** and ask our listeners, "Would you like to go to heaven?" Jesus: he MAN on the middle cross said whoever desires could come and be with Him. It is all about Jesus!

Remembering the beauty of Jesus Christ and the simplicity of the Gospel will give us overwhelming gratitude for each step of our heavenward journey.

We love to receive your questions. Your questions can be sent to write2stm@gmail.com or WasItForMeRom832@gmail.com.

All our love to you in Christ - Jon + Philis