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Light or Darkness

What the Lord began speaking October 11, 2008:

“Darkness prevails as My Light has been forsaken. Many claim My Light but walk not in My Light. My Light gives power to be overcomers to become My Sons and Daughters. My Light gives eternal life to those that walk in that Light and obey that Light. That Light shines brightly illuminating the narrow path to eternal life.

I warn those who claim My Light that I sent in flesh and blood being born of woman. If you study My word and claim you know My word, why do you disobey My word walking not in My Light? My Light died and rose again that you may have faith if you receive that Light. My Light gives grace and mercy to those who receive the truth of the Light. My Light is eager to forgive those who walk in darkness claiming My Light. Understand this, you cannot serve two masters. If you claim the Light by faith without doing the commands of the light, then by default darkness is your master. Your fruit is sour and bitter because you refused the Light to fully shine upon you washing away the darkness that surrounds you. Don't continue to live in that darkness but let the Light I sent be your salvation. Wash and bathe in that Light to receive the fulness of that Light. Interlude until October 14, 2008.

Why have a half of loaf of bread? Why sample only the crumbs of a meal? Why study and study My word without obeying the word you study? Why build physical fleshly monuments called houses of worship not building spiritual relations with Me? I sent you the Light that you may obey that Light to worship me is Spirit and truth. Light and darkness swirls about you. One eye wants the light. One eye wants the darkness. Finish your faith by unyoking the darkness held within you. How can you have righteousness holding unto unrighteousness? Believe in the Light or believe in the darkness. You can't hold unto both to have salvation. Let My Light finish washing away the last of darkness that holds you back from being My Sons and Daughters. Obey the Light and live by obeying the word of that Light.” Amen.

Are we willing to seek and obey the word of God:

Instead of feasting on what the world has to offer, we must feast upon what the word of God has to offer. Then we will leave the principles of the doctrine of Christ moving unto perfection. **Hebrews 6:1-3** ¹ *Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,* ² *Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.* ³ *And this will we do, if God permit.* (KJV)

We must be willing to take time out from our busyness of running to and fro concerning worldly things to truly study these teachings to gain knowledge and wisdom. Fear of the Lord

only comes from gaining knowledge and wisdom. **Proverbs 1:7** *Fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge. Only fools despise wisdom and discipline.* (NLT)

With knowledge and wisdom fearing the Lord our hearts desire will be to please the Lord by obeying His commands having righteousness doing the will of the Father. Remember the righteous are barely saved. **1 Peter 4:18** *And "If the righteous are barely saved, what chance will the godless and sinners have?"* (NLT) Jesus Christ said this about doing the will of the Father. **Matthew 7:21-23** *21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? 23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.* (KJV)

We must examine ourselves to see if our faith is genuine and that Christ is within us otherwise we remain fools not being of the Light but of darkness. **2 Corinthians 13:5** *Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?* (KJV)

For Jesus Christ to be within us, we must be born again, born of water and of the Spirit. These are the commands spoken by Jesus Christ in **John 3:3-8** *3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. 4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? 5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. 8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.* (KJV) It is by the new birth of being born again that we receive the spiritual capacity to receive from God by the Holy Ghost the Spiritual revelations from God. But there is a condition that this may happen. We must be born of water and of the Spirit. Then we are of the Spirit and not of the flesh.

What the word of God speaks about Light:

The word of God teaches this about light. The word light is used 235 times in the King James. For the usage of the word light, I include the explanations from Vine's Dictionary. These explanations only begin to illuminate the truth, the knowledge and the wisdom of God's word about light. Only by taking the time with a good computer Bible program or with a Strong's Concordance of the Bible and a Bible may we leave the principles of the doctrine of Christ going on to perfection. By seeking the truth, rewards will be laid up in heaven that cannot be corrupted. **Matthew 6:19-23** *19 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: 20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: 21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. 22 The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. 23 But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!* (KJV)

English Words: Light bring to; give (Noun and Verb), Lighten **Usage Number:** A-1 **Part of Speech:** Noun **Strong's Number:** 5457 **Greek Word:** phos **Usage Notes:** akin to phao, "to

give light" (from roots pha---, and phan---, expressing "light as seen by the eye," and, metaphorically, as "reaching the mind," whence phaino, "to make to appear," phaneros, "evident," etc.); cp. Eng., "phosphorus" (lit., "light-bearing"). "Primarily light is a luminous emanation, probably of force, from certain bodies, which enables the eye to discern form and color. Light requires an organ adapted for its reception (Matt. 6:22). Where the eye is absent, or where it has become impaired from any cause, light is useless. Man, naturally, is incapable of receiving spiritual light inasmuch as he lacks the capacity for spiritual things, 1Cor. 2:14. Hence believers are called 'sons of light,' Luke 16:8, not merely because they have received a revelation from God, but because in the New Birth they have received the spiritual capacity for it.

"Apart from natural phenomena, light is used in Scripture of (a) the glory of God's dwelling-place, 1Tim. 6:16; (b) the nature of God, 1John 1:5; (c) the impartiality of God, Jas. 1:17; (d) the favor of God, Psalms 4:6; of the King, Prov. 16:15; of an influential man, Job 29:24; (e) God, as the illuminator of His people, Isa. 60:19, 20; (f) the Lord Jesus as the illuminator of men, John 1:4, 5, 9; John 3:19; John 8:12; John 9:5; John 12:35, 36, 46; Acts 13:47; (g) the illuminating power of the Scriptures, Psalms 119:105; and of the judgments and commandments of God, Isa. 51:4; Prov. 6:23, cp. Psalms 43:3; (h) the guidance of God, Job 29:3; Psalms 112:4; Isa. 58:10; and, ironically, of the guidance of man, Rom. 2:19; (i) salvation, 1Pet. 2:9; (j) righteousness, Rom. 13:12; 2Cor. 11:14, 15; 1John 2:9, 10; (k) witness for God, Matt. 5:14, 16; John 5:35; (l) prosperity and general well-being, Esth. 8:16; Job 18:18; Isa. 58:8-10." * [* From Notes on Thessalonians, by Hogg and Vine, pp. 159,160.]

Usage Number: A-2 **Part of Speech:** Noun **Strong's Number:** 5458 **Greek Word:** phoster
Usage Notes: denotes "a luminary, light," or "light-giver;" it is used figuratively of believers, as shining in the spiritual darkness of the world, Phil. 2:15; in Rev. 21:11 it is used of Christ as the "Light" reflected in and shining through the heavenly city (cp. Rev. 21:23). In the Sept., Gen. 1:14, 16.

Usage Number: A-3 **Part of Speech:** Noun **Strong's Number:** 5462 **Greek Word:** photismos
Usage Notes: "an illumination, light," is used metaphorically in 2Cor. 4:4, of the "light" of the Gospel, and in 2Cor. 4:6, of the knowledge of the glory of God. In the Sept., Job 3:9; Psalms 27:1; Psalms 44:3; Psalms 78:14; Psalms 90:8; Psalms 139:11.

Usage Number: A-4 **Part of Speech:** Noun **Strong's Number:** 5338 **Greek Word:** phengos
Usage Notes: "brightness, luster," is used of the "light" of the moon, Matt. 24:29; Mark 13:24; of a lamp, Luke 11:33 (some mss. have phos, here).

Usage Number: A-5 **Part of Speech:** Noun **Strong's Number:** 3088 **Greek Word:** luchnos
Usage Notes: "a hand-lamp:" see LAMP.

Usage Number: A-6 **Part of Speech:** Noun **Strong's Number:** 2985 **Greek Word:** lampas
Usage Notes: "a torch:" see LAMP.

Usage Number: B-1 **Part of Speech:** Verb **Strong's Number:** 5461 **Greek Word:** photizo
Usage Notes: used (a) intransitively, signifies "to shine, give light," Rev. 22:5; (b) transitively, (1) "to illumine, to light, enlighten, to be lightened," Luke 11:36; Rev. 21:23; in the Passive Voice, Rev. 18:1; metaphorically, of spiritual enlightenment, John 1:9; Eph. 1:18; Eph. 3:9, "to make ...

see;" Heb. 6:4; Heb. 10:32, "ye were enlightened," RV (AV, "... illuminated"); (2) "to bring to light," 1Cor. 4:5 (of God's act in the future); 2Tim. 1:10 (of God's act in the past). See ENLIGHTEN, ILLUMINATE.

Usage Number: B-2 **Part of Speech:** Verb **Strong's Number:** 2017 **Greek Word:** epiphausko **Usage Notes:** or possibly epiphauo, "to shine forth," is rendered "shall give ... light," in Eph. 5:14, AV (RV, "shall shine upon"), of the glory of Christ, illumining the believer who fulfills the conditions, so that being guided by His "light" he reflects His character. See SHINE. Cp. epiphosko, "to dawn" (really a variant form of epiphausko).

Usage Number: B-3 **Part of Speech:** Verb **Strong's Number:** 2989 **Greek Word:** lampo **Usage Notes:** "to give the light of a torch," is rendered "giveth light" in Matt. 5:15, AV (RV, "shineth"). See SHINE.

Usage Number: B-4 **Part of Speech:** Verb **Strong's Number:** 2014 **Greek Word:** epiphaino **Usage Notes:** transitively, "to show forth" (epi, "upon," phaino, "to cause to shine"), is used intransitively and metaphorically in Luke 1:79, and rendered "to give light," AV (RV, "to shine upon"). See APPEAR, SHINE.

Usage Number: B-5 **Part of Speech:** Verb **Strong's Number:** 681 **Greek Word:** hapto **Usage Notes:** "to kindle a fire" and so give "light:" see KINDLE, No. 1, Note.

Usage Number: B-6 **Part of Speech:** Verb **Strong's Number:** 2545 **Greek Word:** kaio **Usage Notes:** "to burn," is translated "do (men) light" in Matt. 5:15. See BURN.

Usage Number: B-7 **Part of Speech:** Verb **Strong's Number:** 797 **Greek Word:** astrapto **Usage Notes:** "to flash forth, lighten as lightning" (akin to astrape, "lightning"), occurs in Luke 17:24; Luke 24:4 (AV "shining;" RV, "dazzling"). See DAZZLING. Note: In Luke 2:32, AV, the noun apokalupsis, "an unveiling, revelation," preceded by eis, "unto, with a view to," is rendered "to lighten" (RV, "for revelation;" marg., "(the) unveiling"). See REVELATION.

Usage Number: C-1 **Part of Speech:** Adjective **Strong's Number:** 5460 **Greek Word:** photeinos **Usage Notes:** from phos (A, No. 1), "bright," is rendered "full of light" in Matt. 6:22; Luke 11:34, 36 (twice), figuratively, of the single-mindedness of the eye, which acts as the lamp of the body; in Matt. 17:5, "bright," of a cloud. See BRIGHT.

What the word of God speaks about darkness:

The word dark or darkness is used 178 times in the King James. For the usage of the word darkness, I include the explanations from Vine's Dictionary. These explanations only begin to illuminate the truth, the knowledge and the wisdom of God's word about darkness. Again I repeat that only by taking the time with a good computer Bible program or with a Strong's Concordance of the Bible and a Bible may we leave the principles of the doctrine of Christ going on to perfection. By seeking the truth, rewards will be laid up in heaven that cannot be corrupted. **Matthew 6:19-23** ¹⁹ Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: ²⁰ But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break

through nor steal: ²¹ For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. ²² The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. ²³ But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great *is* that darkness! (KJV)

English Words: Dark, Darken, Darkly, Darkness **Usage Number:** A-1 **Part of Speech:** Adjective **Strong's Number:** 4652 **Greek Word:** skoteinos **Usage Notes:** "full of darkness, or covered with darkness," is translated "dark" in Luke 11:36; "full of darkness," in Matt. 6:23; Luke 11:34, where the physical condition is figurative of the moral. The group of skot-words is derived from a root ska--, meaning "to cover." The same root is to be found in skene, "a tent." Note: Contrast photeinos, "full of light," e.g., Matt. 6:22.

Usage Number: A-2 **Part of Speech:** Adjective **Strong's Number:** 850 **Greek Word:** auchmeros **Usage Notes:** from auchmos, "drought produced by excessive heat," hence signifies "dry, murky, dark," 2Pet. 1:19 (RV marg., "squalid"). No. 1 signifies "darkness" produced by covering; No. 2, "darkness" produced by being squalid or murky.

Usage Number: B-1 **Part of Speech:** Noun **Strong's Number:** 4653 **Greek Word:** skotia **Usage Notes:** is used (a) of physical darkness, "dark," John 6:17, lit., "darkness had come on," and John 20:1, lit., "darkness still being;" (b) of secrecy, in general, whether what is done therein is good or evil, Matt. 10:27; Luke 12:3; (c) of spiritual or moral "darkness," emblematic of sin, as a condition of moral or spiritual depravity, Matt. 4:16; John 1:5; John 8:12; John 12:35, 46; 1John 1:5; 1John 2:8, 9, 11.

Usage Number: B-2 **Part of Speech:** Noun **Strong's Number:** 4655 **Greek Word:** skotos **Usage Notes:** an older form than No. 1, grammatically masculine, is found in some mss. in Heb. 12:18.

Usage Number: B-3 **Part of Speech:** Noun **Strong's Number:** 4655 **Greek Word:** skotos **Usage Notes:** a neuter noun, frequent in the Sept., is used in the NT as the equivalent of No. 1; (a) of "physical darkness," Matt. 27:45; 2Cor. 4:6; (b) of "intellectual darkness," Rom. 2:19 (cp. C, No. 1); (c) of "blindness," Acts 13:11; (d) by metonymy, of the "place of punishment," e.g., Matt. 8:12; 2Pet. 2:17; Jude 1:13; (e) metaphorically, of "moral and spiritual darkness," e.g., Matt. 6:23; Luke 1:79; Luke 11:35; John 3:19; Acts 26:18; 2Cor. 6:14; Eph. 6:12; Col. 1:13; 1Thess. 5:4, 5; 1Pet. 2:9; 1John 1:6; (f) by metonymy, of "those who are in moral or spiritual darkness," Eph. 5:8; (g) of "evil works," Rom. 13:12; Eph. 5:11; (h) of the "evil powers that dominate the world," Luke 22:53; (i) "of secrecy" [as in No. 1, (b)]. While skotos is used more than twice as many times as skotia in the NT, the Apostle John uses skotos only once, 1John 1:6, but skotia 15 times out of the 18.

"With the exception of the significance of secrecy [No. 1, (b) and No. 3 (i),] darkness is always used in a bad sense. Moreover the different forms of darkness are so closely allied, being either cause and effect, or else concurrent effects of the same cause, that they cannot always be distinguished; 1John 1:5; 1John 2:8, e.g., are passages in which both spiritual and moral darkness are intended." * [* From Notes on Thessalonians, by Hogg and Vine, pp 157-158.]

Usage Number: B-4 **Part of Speech:** Noun **Strong's Number:** 2217 **Greek Word:** zophos
Usage Notes: denotes "the gloom of the nether world;" hence, "thick darkness, darkness that may be felt;" it is rendered "darkness" in Heb. 12:18; 2Pet. 2:4; Jude 1:6; in 2Pet. 2:17, RV, "blackness," AV, "mists;" in Jude 1:13, RV and AV, "blackness." See BLACKNESS, B, Nos. 1 and 2, MIST.

Usage Number: C-1 **Part of Speech:** Verb **Strong's Number:** 4654 **Greek Word:** skotizo
Usage Notes: "to deprive of light, to make dark," is used in the NT in the Passive Voice only, (a) of the heavenly bodies, Matt. 24:29; Mark 13:24; Rev. 8:12; (b) metaphorically, of the mind, Rom. 1:21; Rom. 11:10; (some mss. have it in Luke 23:45).

Usage Number: C-2 **Part of Speech:** Verb **Strong's Number:** 4656 **Greek Word:** skotoo
Usage Notes: "to darken," is used (a) of the heavenly bodies, Rev. 9:2; Rev. 16:10; (b) metaphorically, of the mind, Eph. 4:18.

Note: The phrase en ainigmati, lit., "in an enigma," is rendered "darkly" in 1Cor. 13:12. Ainigma is akin to the verb anissomai, "to hint obscurely." The allusion is to Num. 12:8 (Sept.), "not in (dia, "by means of") dark speeches" (lit., "enigmas"); God's communications to Moses were not such as in the case of dreams, etc. After the same analogy, what we see and know now is seen "darkly" compared with the direct vision in the presence of God hereafter. The riddles of seeming obscurity in life will all be made clear.

Questions and answers:

What is dark or darkness? Darkness is the absence of light.

Are there different levels of darkness? There are many levels of darkness as seen from Vines Dictionary. These are additional examples. There is the darkness of night being cloudy, star lit or moon lit. There is the darkness in caves when the lights or extinguished. Then there is a darkness even darker than the above. That is the darkness of hell beyond the outer darkness. The Lord showed me the darkness of hell in a dream many years ago. I woke up screaming from fear.

What does darkness represent in the word of God? The Devil or Satan represents darkness in the word of God. Jesus speaking to Saul or Paul in **Acts 26: ¹⁸ To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.** (KJV)

Who is the light of the world? Jesus Christ is the light of the world. **John 1:1-14 ¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² The same was in the beginning with God ³ All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴ In him was life; and the life was the light of men. ⁵ And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. ⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. ⁸ He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. ⁹ That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. ¹¹ He came unto his own,**

and his own received him not. ¹² But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: ¹³ Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴ And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. (KJV) **John 8:12** Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, *I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.* (KJV)

What does God represent? God is light because there is no darkness in Him. **Revelation 21:23** 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.* (KJV)

Who creates both light and darkness? It is God who creates light and darkness. **Isaiah 45:7** ⁷ *I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the LORD do all these things.* (KJV)

Can we as Christians have both light and darkness at the same time (be not quick to answer)? The answer is yes. As long as we inhabit these flesh and blood bodies, we are subject to the temptations that this world has to offer. Paul spoke of this in **Romans 7:20-25** ²⁰ *But if I am doing what I don't want to do, I am not really the one doing it; the sin within me is doing it. ²¹ It seems to be a fact of life that when I want to do what is right, I inevitably do what is wrong. ²² I love God's law with all my heart. ²³ But there is another law at work within me that is at war with my mind. This law wins the fight and makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me. ²⁴ Oh, what a miserable person I am! **Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin?** ²⁵ **Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord.** So you see how it is: In my mind I really want to obey God's law, but because of my sinful nature I am a slave to sin.* (NLT)

But Paul also taught how this situation of our sinful nature is overcome in **Romans 8:1-6** ¹ *There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. ² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. ³ For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: ⁴ That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. ⁵ For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. ⁶ For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.* (KJV)

The key from the above scripture is to walk after the Spirit and not after the flesh. Righteousness of the law is only fulfilled by us after the Spirit. And how do we walk after the Spirit and worship God in Spirit and truth? I remind again that for Jesus Christ to be within us, we must be born again, born of water and of the Spirit. These are the commands spoken by Jesus Christ in **John 3:3-8** ³ *Jesus answered and said unto him, **Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.** ⁴ Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? ⁵ Jesus answered, **Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. ⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. ⁸ The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.** (KJV)*

Even as the first church was established the doctrine of Christ was not adhered to concerning the baptism of the Holy Ghost. When Phillip went down to Samaria, he water baptized only. John and Peter were sent from Jerusalem finding the Holy Ghost had not fallen on any of them. Paul found disciples who had been taught incorrectly and corrected the incomplete teachings. See Acts 8:4-17 and 19:1-7

Are we ready for our day of salvation?

From the word of God and what the Lord spoke on page one, if we don't fully know the word of God and if we don't fully apply the word of God in our lives by obeying the word of God then we have forsaken the great Light that was sent from heaven. We walk a path that seems right but ends in death. How? We are a slave to sin without obedience to the doctrine of Christ. Then our light of Christ is drowned out by the darkness of sin. God made promises of blessings to Abraham and delivered on those promises because of one reason and one reason only. **Genesis 22:18** *And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.* (KJV) Can we have God's blessings if we take the blood and body of Jesus Christ unworthily? **1 Corinthians 11:27-32** *27 Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. 28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. 29 For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. 30 For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep. 31 For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. 32 But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.* (KJV)

God is long suffering and wants none lost. God will keep on repeating His message that we may obey Him and do His will. We see that example in the prophets from the Old Testament. I have obeyed the voice of my Lord. I have written what the Holy Ghost has put into my heart. It is a message that the Holy Spirit has had me teach again and again. Until God releases me from this message, it will be continued again and again **Why**, because we as people claiming Jesus Christ have yet to continue our growth in Christ by the power of God by being born of the Spirit. Instead we have denied the power of God that could make us holy and righteous to become the Sons and Daughters of God. We have hardened our hearts following the examples of the children of Israel that we are not to follow. The Jews had their traditions that were not of God. The Jews received not the Light sent from God. Churches today have their denominational traditions that are not of God. Churches are to be the light of Jesus Christ unto the world. They cannot be as long as they hold to their traditions being the doctrines of man and his churches.

What did Jesus say to the Jews in His time? **Matthew 15:1-9** *1 Then came to Jesus scribes and Pharisees, which were of Jerusalem, saying, 2 Why do thy disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? for they wash not their hands when they eat bread. 3 But he answered and said unto them, **Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition?** 4 For God commanded, saying, Honour thy father and mother: and, He that curseth father or mother, let him die the death. 5 But ye say, Whosoever shall say to his father or his mother, It is a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me; 6 And honour not his father or his mother, he shall be free. Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition. 7 Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying, 8 This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. 9 **But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.*** (KJV) Does Jesus' words not apply in our day to the churches and their traditions?

The Jews were accusing the disciples of Jesus Christ by transgressing against their traditions which had nothing to do with or about the commandments of God. The churches are not any different today. They are bound by their traditions blind to the word of God. If Jesus Christ were to step into a church today, He would be accused of transgressing against their traditions and creeds on the worship of His Father.

If we claim Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, then we must shed the darkness in us. Let us finish the race by the doctrine of Christ and not the doctrine of man. Let us be completely washed in the Light to become Sons and Daughter of God.

Peter taught that we cannot be redeemed by vain conversation by the tradition of our fathers. Our fathers are those in the churches we attend. They train us by their traditions that were taught to them by their fathers. **1 Peter 1:18** *Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;* (KJV)

Paul taught not to let any man spoil us after the tradition of men. Again man's traditions comes from the doctrines of the church that man was taught in. **Colossians 2:8** *Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.*(KJV)

Paul warned us that we are to withdraw from those who walk not after the tradition that Paul taught. **2 Thessalonians 3:6** *Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us.* (KJV) **Romans 16:17-18** ¹⁷ *Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. ¹⁸ For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.* (KJV) Who taught Paul? **Galatians 1:1** *Paul, an apostle, (not of men, neither by man, but by Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who raised him from the dead;)* (KJV)

It is by the word of God and with the Holy Ghost as our teacher that allows us to complete the race to do the will of God if and only if we obey. **2 Timothy 3:16-17** ¹⁶ *All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It straightens us out and teaches us to do what is right. ¹⁷ It is God's way of preparing us in every way, fully equipped for every good thing God wants us to do.* (NLT)

Let us appropriate Abraham's promises by following his example. Let us obey the Light sent from heaven being Jesus Christ just as Abraham obeyed God. By Jesus Christ we can overcome the darkness if we obey Jesus Christ's commands. Otherwise we have darkness and how deep that darkness is. It is my prayer for you who choose that Light to have eternal salvation when Christ comes for His body the church by having obeyed the Light that died on the cross for the sins of the world. Amen..