

INTRODUCTION: Light, especially in the Scriptures, is a fascinating phenomenon. In the first book of the Bible (Genesis 1:3-5) light is listed as God's first creative act. In the last chapter of the Bible, Revelation 22:5, we read, "And there shall be no night there and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever."

NOTE WHAT JESUS DID NOT SAY

1. "I am the light of the world." "He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." John 8:12. Jesus did not say then:
 - = 1. "I am the light of the Americans or Caucasians or Republicans only." No more than he said:
 2. "I am the light of the well-bred or the well-read or the well-fed." BUT HE DID SAY:
"I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD."

JESUS ALSO SAID:

1. "Ye are the light of the world." He also said ye are the salt of the earth." Matt. 5:13,14. He did not say:
 1. His followers are to carry light, and are to carry salt to the world

WE CONSIDER FOUR CHARACTERISTICS OF LIGHT:

1. Light travels in a straight line. You remember the Mother Goose rhyme?
There was a crooked man, and he went a crooked mile,
He found a crooked sixpence beside a crooked stile.
He bought a crooked cat, which caught a crooked mouse,
And they all lived together in a little crooked house.
 1. The light of Jesus cannot shine through a crook.
 2. Light is to be used. Of the seven Wonders of the Ancient World, including the Pyramids of Egypt and the Hanging Gardens of Babylon, only the Lighthouse of Alexandria served a really useful purpose.
 3. The nearer you are to the light-source, the more light.
 1. The nearer you live to Christ...the more Christ-light
 4. Two processes of light: transmission & Reflection.
 1. Christ the source of all true light...We are channels.
- WHEN JESUS SAID: "I am the light of the world," he must have said, "I believe in: Straight living, Straight loving, Straight talking, Straight walking."

