

Durham North Team Ministry



Jesus Christ is the Light of the World

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<https://biblehub.com/commentaries/john/12-35.htm>

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This evening we reflect on these last words of Jesus' public ministry in which he presented himself before the world as its Light for all time.

John 12:35-36 (NRSV)

³⁵ Jesus said to them, "The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going. ³⁶ While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light."

Afterwards, he spoke only to His followers in the seclusion of the home at Bethany, and in the upper chamber. 'Yet a little while am I with you'. Two days later, the Cross was reared on Calvary, but there was still time to turn to the light.

Light of the World we are here to worship.



Here I am to worship Hillsong

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You
Here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me
King of all days
Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came to the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor
Here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me
Well, I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
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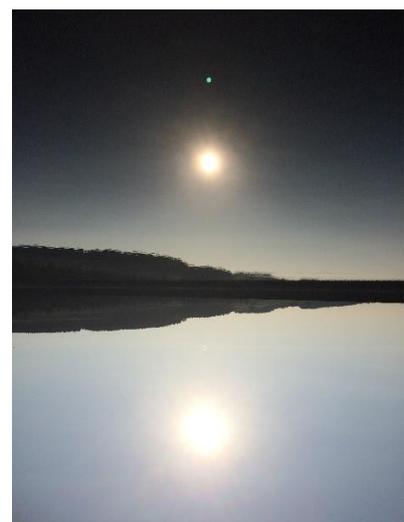
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We are to walk in the Light and believe in the Light,



SO LIVE AS PEOPLE OF LIGHT Ephesians 5.8

but first we need to 'believe' and 'trust' in the Light before we can 'walk' in the Light.



It requires little faith to believe in the sunshine at midday or at sunset because we can see it but to believe we need to trust first.

Just as the eye is the organ of sight, so faith, 'the inward eye' is the organ by which you and I can see the Light. Only as we 'trust' the light and then 'believe' do we see the Light.

I believe

I believe, I believe

I believe above the storm the smallest prayer will still be heard
I believe that someone in the great somewhere hears every word

Every time I hear a new-born baby cry or touch a leaf or see the sky

Then I know why I believe

Every time I hear a new-born baby cry or touch a leaf or see the sky

Then I know why I believe (why I believe)

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But then that is not enough. The more we grow in our love and relationship with Jesus, and the closer we get to Him through opening our hearts up to him, spending time on a regular basis in prayer, reading scripture and worship, the more we will become aware of how we begin to change from the inside out, through the work of the Holy Spirit living inside us. Part of being made new is dying to our old self and living in alignment with God's will. We will then begin to walk in the Light as children of Light. A lifelong journey of transformation to become more like Christ. Faith and obedience will mould us, into the resemblance of that on which we lean.

Christ be our Light!



Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

*Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts,
shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church
gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
Making your kingdom come.

Bernadette Farrell (b.1957)
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‘Walk whilst ye have the light, lest the darkness come upon you.’
Christ gives us this one solemn warning of what falls on us if we
turn away from Him. If we believe in the Light, we need to grow,
trust and walk in it, else darkness will come upon us and we will
not know where we are going.

Let’s walk in the Light!

The Spirit lives to set us free,
walk, walk in the light.
He binds us all in unity,
walk, walk in the light.

Walk in the light,(x3)
Walk in the light of the Lord.

Jesus promised life to all,
walk, walk in the light.
The dead were wakened by his call,
walk, walk in the light.

Walk in the light,(x3)
Walk in the light of the Lord.

He died in pain on Calvary,
walk, walk in the light,
to save the lost like you and me,
walk, walk in the light.

Walk in the light, (x3)
Walk in the light of the Lord.

We know his death was not the end,
walk, walk in the light.
He gave his Spirit to be our friend,
walk, walk in the light.

Walk in the light, (x3)
Walk in the light of the Lord.

By Jesus' love our wounds are healed,
walk, walk in the light,
The Father's kindness is revealed,
walk, walk in the light.

Walk in the light, (x3)
Walk in the light of the Lord.

The Spirit lives in you and me,
walk, walk in the light.
His light will shine for all to see,
walk, walk in the light.

Damian Lundy (1944-1997)
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As we rejoice in Christ Jesus light has conquered darkness and
life has triumphed over death, let us pray...

Come Lord of life
Come with your light
Come enter the darkness of our lives.
Come, that we may walk in the light of your love.
Guide and enlighten us so that we may live as those who believe
and in doing so walk in and reflect your light to others who may
come to know you for themselves. **Amen.**

Jesus Christ is the Light of the World.
A light that no darkness can extinguish.

A candle in the wind flickers and struggles to stay alight. We are candles in the wind when we try to do what's right, even when others laugh at us and try to stop us. A candle throws out light that shows the right way ahead. Today be a candle in the wind by rejecting something you know to be wrong and speaking out for what is right.

Lord God, give light to our minds and strength to our wills, so that we may know what we should do and be able to do it. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**