

# THE WORD OF GOD – OUR BASELINE FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING

## Part 8: The word of God gives light

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*“The entrance of Your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple”*  
Psalm 119:130.

The story of creation tells us in Genesis chapter one that when God created the earth He first started with the light. *“The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep”* Genesis 1:2. Then God said, *“Let there be light; and there was light.”* God’s first activity was to create light upon the earth so that the rest of the work of creation could follow. God spoke the word and there was light.

David later wrote Psalm 119. Right there in the middle he slotted these words; *“the entrance of Your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple”* (verse 130). Light was spoken into existence by God. Light came through the word when God spoke the word and said; *“let there be light”* Before God spoke these words there was no light. Everything else came after light. The same is true in our lives even today that before God speaks His word in our lives, we have no light. Before we receive His word we walk in darkness.

The word of God produced light during creation. The word of God is still producing light in our lives today. The bible teaches us that Jesus is the Word. *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, AND THE Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made”* John 1:1-3. The Holy Spirit expresses this through Paul; *“for everything, absolutely everything, above and below, visible and invisible, rank after rank of angels – everything got started in him and finds its purpose in him”* Colossian 1:16 The Message.

The word of God gives us light to understand certain things pertaining to His will for our lives. We have no other way through which we can understand God’s way and purpose for our lives other than through His word. Apart from the word of God; it is impossible for one to know his purpose. That’s why Paul; again inspired by the Holy Spirit penned these words; *“Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your*

*understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints..."* Ephesians 1:15-18. Paul prayed that the eyes of their understanding be enlightened. In other words, he prayed that light may shine in their hearts.

Like faith, light comes through the word of God. *"So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."* Romans 10:17. Jesus spoke and said; *"I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."* John 8:12.

When we study the word the light of the word enters our hearts and we receive understanding. Every time we read or sit under the sound teaching of the word of God, we expose ourselves to the light of God. To avoid the word is to avoid the light and to avoid the light is to avoid understanding.

Did you know that the message of the gospel of Jesus is not difficult to understand? Did you know that the message that brings light and understanding to people is not difficult? The law was difficult and needed one to memorize the first five books of the bible to master. Every Jewish child was expected to know the Torah (the first five books of the bible) by heart. But Jesus came to explain and make simple the message of salvation. It is sad that many people still refuse to receive the gospel of Jesus for their salvation. No wonder John wrote; *"and the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it"* John 1:5. They harden their hearts against the gospel and close their eyes tied.

The gospel of Jesus is not obscured for people not to comprehend and accept Jesus for the forgiveness of their sins. *"But if our gospel is veiled;" Paul writes; "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"* 2 Corinthians 4:3-4

The light shines in the darkness, and darkness did not comprehend it. The word of God gives light. We preach this light; we write about this light. We encourage men and women all over the world to receive this light. When they do so; the entrance of His words will give them light; and understanding.

Beloved; without the word of God we are without form and void; and darkness is all over our lives. Light always comes through the word of God. There may be other so-called lights that seek to substitute the light of God but; like the five foolish virgins, those who depend on such lights will soon run out of oil before Jesus comes again.