

1 John 1:5-10 God is Light

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1 John 1:5 KJV - This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that **God is light**, and in him is no darkness at all.

Light = G5457 = φῶς phōs, face; from an obsolete φάω pháō (to shine or make manifest, especially by rays; compare [G5316](#), [G5346](#)); luminousness (in the widest application, natural or artificial, abstract or concrete, literal or figurative):—fire, light.

From Outline of Biblical Usage:

- I. light
 - A. the light
 1. emitted by a lamp
 2. a heavenly light such as surrounds angels when they appear on earth
 - B. anything emitting light
 1. a star
 2. fire because it is light and sheds light
 3. a lamp or torch
 - C. light, i.e brightness
 1. of a lamp
- II. metaph.
 - A. God is light because light has the extremely delicate, subtle, pure, brilliant quality
 - B. of truth and its knowledge, together with the spiritual purity associated with it
 - C. that which is exposed to the view of all, openly, publicly
 - D. reason, mind
 1. **the power of understanding esp. moral and spiritual truth**

Darkness = G4653 = σκοτία skotía, [NOUN] skot-ee'-ah; from [G4655](#); dimness, obscurity (literally or figuratively):—dark(-ness).

God is light:

Psalm 27:1 NKJV - [A Psalm] of David. The LORD [is] my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The LORD [is] the strength of my life; Of whom shall I be afraid?

Psalm 36:9 NKJV - For with You [is] the fountain of life; In Your light we see light.

Psalm 84:11 NKJV - For the LORD God [is] a sun and shield; The LORD will give grace and glory; No good [thing] will He withhold From those who walk uprightly.

Isaiah 60:19 NKJV - "The sun shall no longer be your light by day, Nor for brightness shall the moon give light to you; But the LORD will be to you an everlasting light, And your God your glory.

John 1:4 NKJV - In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

John 1:9 NKJV - That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world.

John 8:12 NKJV - 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 9:5 NKJV - "As long as I am in the world, **I am the light of the world.**"

John 12:35 NKJV - 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.

John 12:36 NKJV - "While you have the light, **believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.**" These things Jesus spoke, and departed, and was hidden from them.

1 John 1:6 KJV - If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

Darkness = G4655 = σκότος skótos, skot'-os; from the base of [G4639](#); shadiness, i.e. obscurity (literally or figuratively):—darkness. **The KJV translates Strong's G4655 in the following manner: [darkness](#) (32x).**

Outline of biblical Usage:

- I. darkness
 - A. of night darkness
 - B. of darkened eyesight or **blindness**
- II. metaph.
 - A. **of ignorance respecting divine things and human duties, and the accompanying ungodliness and immorality**, together with their consequent misery in hell
 - B. persons in whom darkness becomes visible and holds sway

NOTE: there is another world for darken

Ephesians 4:17 KJV - This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind,

Ephesians 4:18 KJV - Having the **understanding darkened**, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:

Ephesians 4:19 KJV - Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

Ephesians 4:20 KJV - But ye have not so learned Christ;

Romans 1:18 KJV - For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;

NLT: But God shows his anger from heaven against all sinful, wicked people who suppress the truth by their wickedness. (Or *who, by their wickedness, prevent the truth from being known.*)

Romans 1:19 KJV - Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed [it] unto them.

Romans 1:20 KJV - For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, [even] his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

Romans 1:21 KJV - Because that, when they knew God, they glorified [him] not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and **their foolish heart was darkened.**

Romans 1:22 KJV - Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,

Romans 11:9 KJV - And David saith, Let their table be made a snare, and a trap, and a stumblingblock, and a recompence unto them:

NLT: Likewise, David said,
“Let their bountiful table become a snare,
a trap that makes them think all is well.
Let their blessings cause them to stumble,
and let them get what they deserve. (Ps 69:22-23)

Romans 11:10 KJV - **Let their eyes be darkened**, that they may not see, and bow down their back away.

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

In the NKJV the following verses are titled “Light Bearers”

Philippians 2:12 NKJV - Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;

Philippians 2:13 NKJV - for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for [His] good pleasure.

Philippians 2:14 NKJV - Do all things without complaining and disputing,

Philippians 2:15 NKJV - that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom **you shine as lights** in the world,

Philippians 2:16 NKJV - holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain.

Lights = G5458 = φωστήρ phōstḗr, 'foce-tare'; from [G5457](#); **an illuminator**, i.e. (concretely) a luminary, or (abstractly) brilliancy:—light.

Shine = G5316 = φαίνω phaínō, fah'-ee-no; [VERB] prolongation for the base of [G5457](#); to lighten (shine), i.e. show (transitive or intransitive, literal or figurative):—appear, seem, be seen, shine, × think.

2 Peter 1:19 NKJV - And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts;

NLT: Because of that experience, we have even greater confidence in the message proclaimed by the prophets. You must pay close attention to what they wrote, for their words are like a lamp shining in a dark place—until the Day dawns, and **Christ the Morning Star shines in your hearts.**

1 John 2:8 NKJV - Again, a new commandment I write to you, which thing is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining.

1 John 1:8 KJV - If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

This ties in very much with the lessons we learn during the days of unleavened bread - to put sin out:

1 Corinthians 5:7 NKJV - Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us.

1 Corinthians 5:8 NKJV - Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the **unleavened [bread] of sincerity and truth.**

John 8:31 NKJV - Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.

John 8:32 NKJV - "And **you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.**"

Three items brought - Obedience, love, & truth

- Abiding = obedient to God, Christ, & Their Word (commandments)
- Love = keeping his commandments
 - 1 John 5:2 NKJV - By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments.
 - 1 John 5:3 NKJV - For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.
- Truth
 - John 3:21 NKJV - "But **he who does the truth comes to the light**, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God."
 - John 4:23 NKJV - "But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.
 - John 4:24 NKJV - "God [is] Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

- John 14:6 NKJV - Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.
- John 15:26 NKJV - "But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.

1 John 1:9 KJV - If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us [our] sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:10 KJV - If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

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### Additional Resources and Examples

A positive example of how being close to God and Jesus Christ and being a light to the world is of Moses after he saw the Lord:

Exodus 34:29 NKJV - Now it was so, when Moses came down from Mount Sinai (and the two tablets of the Testimony [were] in Moses' hand when he came down from the mountain), that Moses did not know that the skin of **his face shone** while he talked with Him.

Exodus 34:30 NKJV - So when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, **the skin of his face shone**, and they were afraid to come near him.

Exodus 34:31 NKJV - Then Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the rulers of the congregation returned to him; and Moses talked with them.

Exodus 34:32 NKJV - Afterward all the children of Israel came near, and he gave them as commandments all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai.

Exodus 34:33 NKJV - And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face.

Exodus 34:34 NKJV - But whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with Him, he would take the veil off until he came out; and he would come out and speak to the children of Israel whatever he had been commanded.

Exodus 34:35 NKJV - And whenever the children of Israel saw the face of Moses, that **the skin of Moses' face shone**, then Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with Him.