

Jesus: The Light of the World

JOHN CHAPTER 8



Characteristics of Literal Light

- We can see where we're going.
- It helps us find our destination.
- Light allows us to see the physical world.
- It dispels darkness.
- Light from the Sun gives warmth and helps to sustain life.

Characteristics of Spiritual Light

- Guides our path
- Gives us protection
- Dispels the darkness of sin
- Gives us the warmth of His presence in our hearts

Characteristics of Spiritual Light

- Gives us illumination to understand spiritual truth
- Exposes our sin

The Two Words for “Know”

- **γινώσκω** (*ginosko*)—Knowledge gained by experience
- **οἶδα** (*oida*) —Intuitive and direct knowledge

The Two Words for “Know”

- “Jesus may have been saying, ‘You have not really attained an experience of God; I have a full consciousness of Him’” (Merrill C. Tenney).

- **ἐγώ εἰμι** = *ego eimi* = I AM (“he,” often implied)
- Used in 4:26, 6:20, 8:24, 8:28, 8:58, 9:9, 18:6
- Exodus 3:14—“Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”

Lessons

- Without faith in the “Light of the World” we would remain in spiritual darkness (8:12).
- The mark of a true believer /disciple is that he remains and obeys the word of God (8:31).

Lessons

- One must believe that Jesus is God to be forgiven of her sin (8:24).
- No sin is too great for the Lord Jesus to completely forgive, including adultery (8:11).