



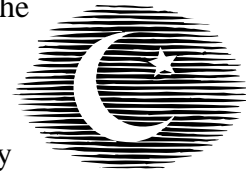
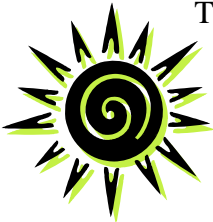
## Out Of The Darkness



In the very beginning, when God created heaven and earth, the earth was in complete darkness.

God said, *“Let there be light and there was light.”* Genesis 1:3

God divided the light from the darkness and called the light Day, and the darkness Night. Then He made the sun to give light during the day, and the moon and the stars to give light during the night.



Those were all lights God created for the eyes of the people to see with. But, as hundreds of years passed by from the time of creation, although there was light for their eyes, there was still darkness in their hearts.

God tried in many ways to bring truth and righteousness into that darkness of men’s minds and hearts for years and years until He realized that it was going to have to be done a different way.

His prophets began to prophesy that God would send another light into the world that no darkness could ever overcome.

This Light was the Son of God in human flesh. He had been in God when the world was created. He was involved in all creation with God because the life giving power of God was in Him, and that life was the Light of all human beings.

The Son of God is called the Word of God because He has the power to speak the words of God that illuminate the mind, the soul, and the spirit of those who will receive Him as their Savior and Lord.



The words He speaks give eternal life to all those who will hear and believe them.

They illuminate the human heart with wisdom, knowledge and understanding of the glory of God and His love and forgiveness for all who have sinned and fallen short of it.

We were given this Light so we could see our sins that we committed in our spiritual darkness. It is impossible to be saved and to enter the Kingdom of God without repenting of our sins and accepting Jesus into our heart and life as our Savior.

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Repenting is not just a one time thing. It means recognizing our sins that we have committed, accepting the forgiveness Jesus died for, and turning completely away from those sins. But, it also means having true sorrow for the sins we commit after we are born again.



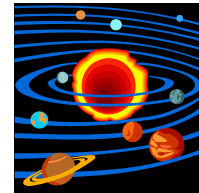
Sorrow for sin is not just crying tears but recognizing our sin for what it really is, that it is breaking the commandments of God.

True repentance means changing our mind and refusing to ever commit that sin again. It has to happen in our mind because every sin begins with the thought and then the decision to do it.

True repentance deserves true forgiveness and that is what Jesus gives us. Repentance and faith are two sides of the same coin. Recognizing and turning away from sin is the front side; receiving Jesus by faith and knowing that those sins are truly forgiven and washed away is the other side of the coin. And you can't have one without the other!

Darkness cannot invade our mind if we refuse to let anything block out the Light. We have all heard about an eclipse of the sun when the moon, which is only about 1/100<sup>th</sup> of the size of the sun moves into just the right position in front of the sun and totally blocks out the light of that huge fireball that shoots flames 30 thousand miles in the air.

The whole solar system revolves around the sun. It controls the ecology of life on earth including tides of all the oceans, and all weather conditions. But one little dirt ball, that has no power of its own, can block out all the light and bring darkness if it gets in just the right position.



In the same way, the sins we commit in spiritual darkness can block out the glorious Light of the Word of God when we give them just the right position in our thoughts.



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Will you come out of the darkness and be a light that shines on a hill like a beacon light for Jesus to a lost and dying world, or will be like a little birthday candle that just as soon as it begins to burn brightly, somebody comes along and blows it out!



Note to Bible Study leader only: Read Ephesians 5:8-14 in New King James aloud at the end of this page before continuing on to questions and answers.

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## *Out Of The Darkness*

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It was light.

2. What lights were created for our eyes to see?

The sun, moon, and stars.

3. Who is the Light of life no darkness can overcome?

Jesus, the Son of God.

4. How do we receive the first light?

By sight.

5. How do we receive the second Light?

By faith.

6. Why is the Light of life separate from any other light?

Because He has the power to illuminate the darkness of sin.

7. What does repentance mean?

Receiving forgiveness and turning away from the sin.

8. Where does the Light live in us?

In our mind, our soul, and our spirit.

9. Where does all sin begin?

In our thoughts.

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MEMORY VERSE Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world: he who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the Light of life."