

# The Bishop's Corner

## *Jesus is the Light*

Praise the Lord Saints,

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.” (John 1:1-5)

When Jesus came into the world, it was in darkness because of sin just as the earth was in Genesis when God created it. “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.” (Genesis 1:1-3)

God had to give light to the earth, and he also gives us light through Jesus Christ who came to the earth because of sin to reconcile us back to God. “And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; to wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and that committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.” (II Corinthians 5:18-21)

We need to have the character and mind of Christ. Everything that we do that reveals darkness in us is not of God. If we say we have fellowship with God and walk in sin, we lie. But if we confess our sins, God is faithful and will forgive us. “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. If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth. 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. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (I John 1:5-9)

The higher we go in God the closer we get to him and the more we are in the spotlight. We must be more like Jesus; in him is light and no darkness. We can't just know a lot about God, but we must also get to know him as a person through the revelation of the Holy Ghost. It is the revelation of God by the Spirit that keeps us from going back into sin. (Ephesians 1:17-23)

God bless you all,

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