

Life in Light

by Brian Guerin

Brian Guerin's sermon emphasizes living in the light of God's love through community, worship, and honoring Him with our resources.

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Description

Brian Guerin passionately shares about 'Life in Light,' emphasizing the importance of walking in the light of God, which is essential for true fellowship with Him. He explains that God is light and in Him, there is no darkness, urging believers to live a lifestyle that reflects this truth. Guerin highlights the conditional nature of our relationship with God, stating that if we walk in darkness, we cannot claim to have fellowship with Him, and only in the light can we experience the cleansing power of Jesus' blood. He encourages the congregation to pursue a deeper intimacy with God, which leads to spiritual growth and freedom from sin. The sermon concludes with a call to embrace the light and restore hope in those who have lost it.

Transcript

Wow, let's jump in this morning. I'm super excited. Have a brief exhortation out of 1 John.

And we'd love to kind of expound upon with you. A couple of quick announcements, take up an offering. Tithing, if this is your home church, offering if it's not.

And then we'll land it, go from there. Maybe pray for some folks and stuff like that. So did you guys sleep okay last night? Quickly? Like a Brian power nap? That's good.

Yeah, these go late at times, and then the morning comes quick. Yes, indeed. So, a couple of quick announcements again for those of you.

Anybody that was not here last night? Okay, wow, welcome. Where were you at? I'm teasing. They're like, I'm never raising my hand again.

No, I'm teasing. Welcome. So grateful to have you here, and come on, Jesus.

So, yeah, quick announcement again. Our academy this fall, September, that's open. I recently had somebody ask me, was it closed down yet? So if the registration is still open, we would start this

September.

You want to take advantage of that two years of your life just sowing into going for the Lord, deep in the word, and our community together, School of Academy. We'll graduate. It's going to be awesome.

I actually have a physical graduation here, whether you're online or in person. So we've got students all over the world, different countries, nations, continents, and all this, and hopefully as many of them can fly in as possible for the graduation, because, look, it's going to be official. You come up on the stage, you get the certificate, and then, bam, all of a sudden it's going to hit you.

So hang on to your certificate first, and then we'll roll the bodies down the stairs. Come up one, the way walking, and roll down the other. Just so we've got it all strategized.

And did I ever tell you guys about the cruise we did with Todd White's just ingenious plan? Did you all ever hear that one? Okay. Did anybody not hear that one? Okay, enough. I'll tell it quick.

So we do this cruise every year, which you guys will be the first to hear about it. We're trying to hurry up and squeeze on it and pull it off for spring of 2022. So we don't know.

Wait until you see the announcement, because they're trying to enforce the whole world stuff that we don't do, just restrictions. So as soon as that will lift, we can get in there. And anyway, but our very first one, and these are major contracts, you know, with big cruise lines and all this.

We inked this deal, and it basically, we hop on this ship together, and everybody's trapped in the glory. Lost or saved. You can't get off.

You know? So it's just a bad move. People that are lost, they're stuck with these glory bombs walking around the ship. We kind of take it over.

And so dear friends, Daniel Kalinda, Todd White, Eric Gilmore, Michael Koulianos, we all just jump on this thing and go for it. It's really, really a fun time all week out in the Caribbean. This last one we did, the whole pandemic thing, I guess, hit, we didn't know it.

We were out in the Caribbean. You just don't know what's going on. We hopped off the ship.

It was like, what happened to the world? There's a mask and people doing this. I'm like, I just sneezed. I'm good.

It was just pollen or something. Did y'all feel that? I was like, whoa. You just felt like you couldn't even anyway.

But we hopped, we just, and Daniel, he was like, bro, you know, we just got off that ship, because they were like within days, they were starting to trap people on the ships. They were getting stuck out at sea. So we heard the Lord, thank goodness on that.

But the first one last night, I promised the people, was anybody on that very first one? Wow. Ron and Stacey, Eva. Okay.

They will remember. Oh, wow. So you were on the very first one too.

Yes. So I promised the people we would do a fire tunnel. Those are super biblical.

It's basically you walk through this portal of heaven and good luck getting out the other side. And it's the laying on of hands is where you find that description, but double up. So we're all getting pumped up for this last night of importation and fire tunnel.

Daniel Kalinda had the last night. And if you all know Daniel, he can get in preaching mode and it's all she wrote him. He's just such a powerhouse.

And how it works on those cruise lines, they're like a small city on water. I mean, they've got just people running. There's different events going on all of the time.

And so our sound guy was from the ship, and he had another engagement right after ours was over to hurry up and go to another one to run sound, and they're just moving. And I reminded Daniel at our closing time, and we wanted to leave enough time for the fire tunnel, and he's never before or since done this. I think it was just heaven was playing a trick on me or whatever, because Daniel, boy, he's calculated.

And for some reason, he misread the time and went well past his time, and I look back, our sound booth guy's gone. Nobody's running the sound. I'm like, sweet Jesus.

And Daniel's in the glory. I'm like, I'm not touching that microphone. I'm like, boom, he's bringing a powerful message for the last night.

And so we've got 15 minutes left before we've got to be out of this ballroom on the ship and everybody else come back in. And I'm thinking, we can't do the fire tunnel. Several hundred people getting through it now.

You know those fire tunnels, they get messy in a good way. So I get up there, and Daniel closed it so powerful. I said, hey, so sorry, guys, because I hate now.

How many of you know you need to be a person that keeps your word? Be a person of integrity, you know, and character. So I hated that because we'd given them their word. So I said, so sorry, we're not going to be able to do the fire tunnel.

Here come the dreadlocks. Man, Todd White right up here. He's like, oh, bro, super simple, like just Solomon's wisdom.

He goes, nah, super simple. You just, look, see that exit door? We stacked the fire tunnel by the exit door. On the way out, we're out of here.

15 minutes, good. So me, normally, I'm a little more wise than this. Spirit of dumb hits me.

Wham, I'm like, oh, great idea. So I tell the people, no, we're good. Fire tunnel's back on, green light.

Meet us by the exit door. Problem was, holy ghost, taser guns were going off. I mean, bodies are, boom, flying and stacking up.

And I'm going, and our officers are dragging bodies through the door. And we're on a full-out secular cruise line. You know, this is not your normal.

And so we're well over our time, and power of God's hitting people. And I'm just, I'm thinking, oh, boy, here we go. The cruise line's going to be on me.

And so people start stacking up for the next event in the ballroom. They're trying to get in. And we find out that they're supposed to have karaoke night in there.

So the line's building up, and, like, they're, like, looking at what in the world is going on. People are getting hit by the power of joy. They're stacking up by the elevators.

This is wild. I kid you not this happened. A couple comes up.

They had cocktail in their hand, totally alcohol, just ready to go, karaoke night. The Lord doesn't get too intimidated by this stuff. So Jessica, Corleones Michael's wife, they see them.

They're thinking, what are they drinking? I want what they have. You know, they're going to trade out the cocktails for the Holy Ghost. You know, Ephesians 5, Paul says, don't be drunk on wine, but be filled with the Holy Ghost.

Be filled with the Holy Spirit. He's the fruit of joy. And our people were way more intoxicated in the Spirit than they were.

So they're, like, cocktail. The husband had a brace on his arm, something wrong with his elbow. And Jessica goes up to him and says, hey, y'all want to come through the fire tunnel? They're like, sure.

So here come a cocktail. I remember seeing it, man, alcohol coming through the fire tunnel. I think it's the first ever in history.

And man, here goes the Lord, smokes them. Her husband gets healed by the end of the fire tunnel. Takes off his arm brace.

He is totally healed. And I think Jessica led him to Jesus. They got born again on the other side.

Skip karaoke night, I'm sure. Yeah, so that was so good. But I remember it was the Lord set up.

And I remember thinking, I remember thinking, boy, I can't. The cruise line's going to be emailing us. Here it comes.

This is our first event. Big contract. They don't know us well.

And they're a big organization. I'm thinking, here come the emails. I'm just waiting through our assistant.

But lo and behold, that was the last night. We had to go, if some of you remember, we had to go to dinner. Right after we had the allotted time for dinner.

And there goes Todd again. I'm like, bro, when will you stop? He has no off switch. This got on social media and just blew up.

I don't know how many thousands of views. I remember Eric whipped out his phone. But he gets in there.

Oh, no, this is what happened. This is Daniel's very first boot camp group. He had some guys on him, just fiery evangelists.

Amazing. Going for the souls. So, so good.

Daniel just taught in our school recently. So, we're sitting over there. I'm there with the speakers.

We're taking up a good chunk of the dining hall. We're several hundred. But you've got probably almost a thousand in there.

So, again, we're a third of it. And the rest are all lost in there. Like a third of us, two-thirds, just lost people all around.

Well, one of Daniel's interns. Oh, no, they come out. How many of you have ever been on a cruise before? Okay, so you like them.

They're amazing. You've got to get your sea legs under you. Abby, have you ever been on one? Okay.

Okay. Yeah. Yeah, with us.

Yeah. I remember the first time I was introducing Eric. And I'm like, we're leaving port.

And I'm like, and Eric's amazing. You're going to love it. You've got to get your sea legs under you.

But once it straightens out, you're good. Well, the last night, they come through. And they, you know, all the cooks and everybody, you know, they come out and do a big song and all this.

So the guy has a microphone, though. Big mistake. He comes out.

And he's like, hey, so glad to have you on this trip. They're kind of closing out the night and saying where everybody's from that works on the ship. Well, Daniel's intern, he didn't hear anything else.

He just sees a microphone. He's thinking. And he sees the microphone.

He looks at Daniel. He goes, can I get that microphone? And Daniel's like, I'm good. He looks at me because I'm running the thing.

I'm like, I'm good. Sure. We don't know what he's going to do.

And then I think we just got out of the Holy Ghost melee fire tunnel just half hour ago. He goes and he goes up to the head cook guy. He goes, hey, can I get your mic? And the cook fell for it.

He thought I think he was going to we love you and honor you. And he was, you know, which we do. But he took the mic.

Nobody knew he was going to do this. And he gets it, runs over to Todd White, puts it in Todd's hand. I'm like, here we go.

Part two. So Todd just whips up, does what he does. He's like, listen, everybody.

I was, you know, dreadlocks. He just, you know, he looks all he's got like the toe shoes. And it's like there's only one Todd.

And I figured it out. And he knows this. He's like, do you have any fishermen in here? They like to fish.

Yeah, love to fish. OK, sometimes you need that bait. This just catches your attention.

It comes through the water and the basses jump on it. He's that's where he is. You see him on the streets are like, hold on a second.

And, uh, and those fish, you just. Yeah. So, yeah.

What's I'm using the handheld. So he grabs the mic. And he says, look, drug addict.

19 years. Jesus set me free. He goes, he set me free.

He'll do the same for you. He's about to work miracles right now. I'm going, oh, my gosh.

Yes, please. But look, we don't. I'm like, you're not with me.

Because we got like, you know, big zeros on our contract behind us. They got stuff just starts to put pressure on you. So anyway, he goes, he wasn't happy with that.

We've got tons of souls, lost people, all these staff out here. You know, Todd is like, no, no, go in the back. Clear out the kitchen.

And they listen to him. I don't know how he gets away with some of the stuff. On one of our recent cruises.

I don't mean to go here, but it's just one out. It's fun. He went into the gym on the cruise ship.

Big old muscular dude. He was telling me about it. He goes right up to him, smacks him in the chest.

He goes, wham, I hope you got a whole lot of Jesus under all those muscles. I'm like, how do you not get knocked out? You know, he said, oh, he was angry at first. But boy, I got him.

I'll get him. He's so full of love, he'll just mow him down. How many of you know you can't defeat love? It's impossible.

And so he, sure enough, I'm like, they're listening to him. Like how, what's happening? He goes into this, it's supernatural, totally. He just takes over places and they all go back out there.

Bring out the cooks. And now we've got more staff. I'm like, great.

And he goes, all right, everybody all week, our people. You've been under the glory, the teachings, the healing, the miracles are breaking out in the dining hall. And so I'm thinking, sweet Jesus, I think we got out of that one.

It starts to land. Well, the head guy, Indian man. Mary, you'd love this.

You'd do the accent better. But he comes around and he's looking. Somebody ratted me out.

He found out I was the head guy of the event. And I'm like, oh, great. So he comes and finds our table.

I'm like, here it is. Here we're done. We're back on a ship.

And he goes, you people are different, you know, with his accent. He goes, we've had many Christian groups, but not like this before on cruises. He goes, I want to thank you.

You make this place holy. Yeah. Isn't that awesome? So God was glorified.

And we never got the email. We keep doing them. So anyway.

So praise God. Praise the Lord. I guess they liked our thing better than their karaoke or something.

But spring 22 would be awesome. And if we can pull it off, we'll announce that. We'll wait for the announcements because we're just waiting for those restrictions.

We just don't like to play that whole thing. So that also this fall, we're trying to pray through the exact dates because it's going to take time to build. But the community here locally and wanting to serve, want to encourage you guys.

I think that's going to be on our website. Yeah. Let me see.

Yep, there's the website, how you would like to serve. And we should be doing a video probably within the next week or so really focusing on it. We've been real busy.

I was traveling all of June. Plus we launched our first Pentecost meeting here. Really, I thought my July schedule was light, but Zoe was like, no, Papa.

She knows it. And also we've just got a lot on our plate. But as it gets closer into it, we're going to be many of you desiring to volunteer, intern, all these type positions that we're going for worship.

You can tell we have all the stuff here. We're going to build a full worship team. Some of you feel called more in the Levitical.

It could be Melchizedek if you're going Hebrew 7 or whatever your take is. But it's unto the Lord, worship. We just had a prophecy with Ben.

I don't remember Hannah's word. You guys got us up there the last day. And Hannah began to release that really powerful prophetic word about how many worshipers would come out of this house as well.

And we want to raise that up. So not just preachers of the gospel, but also those that feel that call to minister unto the Lord because we really want to host Him above and beyond everything. Minister unto Him.

We're going to make pockets for that. And so, however, we're going to get more specific on that. You feel led, feel free.

We're going to build a team. We could do something just to do it, but I'm really after, especially in this hour, quality and character and foundation and intimacy. I'd rather go low and slow and build quality.

We don't want to do weeds and all this stuff. I know a pastor that told me, I'll just put it this way, you can get a river super wide and really big, but it can be a mile wide and an inch deep. And just kids can play in that.

It's just not a lot can go on. And you can do that, especially with what we have at our fingertips in this hour with technology platforms. And you can move pieces around and organizational skills.

And I'm okay, but there's really God's favor on a lot of that. And there's reason for that. I'm behind it, but I'm just saying much rather give me 20 feet wide, but so deep you can never find the bottom of it because that's where current comes.

Listen, Jesus shook the modern day world three really tight with him. The other nine were cut, not even in the inner circle. And then in the inner three, there was just one job.

And guess who wrote the final book of revelation? John, he was trusted with the deepest. Peter was more of the mouthpiece upon this house. I'll build my rock, the spokesman, but you can tell the intimate, the secrets are shared with intimate ones.

And John had the most as far as, you know, anyway, so I want it. We want to go deep and we're really excited about people doing it in a quality way. And so excited about that.

And now I'll just take up a quick offering. Mary, do you mind maybe in a second? If you feel a grace, don't want to put pressure on you, but listen, she's got some of the craziest financial stories in the context of, I just want to do it with their offering of when we linked up together starting in 2017, just that I think would encourage you guys. And again, just more importantly, a kingdom principle, and we've linked up and she's a incredible supporter of our ministry that her business is blood.

Look, pandemics can't stop this woman. It's crazy. You'll hear this where she's super powerful.

But I just want to read one verse to you. And we'll take up an offering here in a second. Let Mary share and encourage you guys.

And I want to pray, but listen to this. Proverbs three verses nine and 10. A lot of us know this.

The Bible says, honor the Lord with your wealth and with the best part Then, he will fill your barns with grain and your vats will overflow with good wine. So basically here, it's all sufficiency, everything you need. You know, barns full is food, vats full is drink.

You can't do it without either or. You can look, you can have tons of hamburgers, but if you ain't got nothing to drink, you're going to die. You can have plenty of gallons of water, but the Bible says, all sufficient for everything you need will be there.

But it's prefaced with honor the Lord with your wealth, the best part of everything you produce, then. If you ever see if or then in scripture, it's conditional. And this is good to know, you know, and I'm going to share.

Actually, first John has a big fat if in there too that I want to share mostly from this morning. And so I want to encourage you guys as you feel led this morning. If this is becoming your permanent house, your tithe, we welcome that.

If you go to another church though, your tithe would go there. You can give by offering way of offering and want to believe for the Lord just to increase. How many of the Lord's just set it up this way? We do not give to get, but it just so happens that the Lord set up the spirit realm this way.

It's a protocol that it unlocks abundance to keep giving to unlock more abundance. And then we're just big blessing bombs in the earth. It's how we set it up.

So it's obviously down to the heart, but I'm giving unto the Lord and it unlocks abundance. Listen, if things ever get tight, I know right away my first step, there's not even a close second place. My first step is what can I give away? Generosity.

I've given shoes away, man, watches. It doesn't matter any chance I get. Some guy was just, and I don't mean to toot my own horn.

I'm trying to convey a generosity spirit. We must walk in. You know, I'm telling you, it feels right to human nature to just hold on, hang on to what I got, but then lack is your domain.

But it says the blessing follows the generous. It just keeps that unlocking prosperity realm upon you. And so anyway, Mary, I'll bring the mic down to you, but if you could share maybe 2017, your journey, it's been nuts.

She shared another one with me last night. She's literally worked less. Anyway, I'm telling your testimony.

But we love Mary. She can preach too, so you got to watch out. So I joined this.

Well, I started following. I almost called you Jonathan, my son. Okay, I guess he's on my mind.

I started following Brian in 2017. And before I was married to work, like my job was my, I was a slave to my job. Never took time off.

Never took time off of anything. And then a major loss in the family happened. And, you know, there's two ways to go.

So Genesis 50, 20 says what the enemy meant for evil. The Lord turned it around for good. So I was always a cheerful giver, always tithed.

Then 2017, we started just, I went to everything. My whole thing was I'll do funerals and weddings. And that's it.

Completely never said that ever again and went for anything I can get my hands on to just get into the glory of the Lord. And my first encounter with truly my first encounter with Jesus was when Brian prayed over my husband and myself and Eddie was just like, yo, you were vibrating. I'm like, I don't remember that part, but it was amazing.

I mean, amazing. So then after that, the end of 2017, so 2018, when I looked at what I had done that year, financially, it's the most I've ever given. I mean, the most I've ever received.

The money I made was the most I've ever made in my career. And I was like, wow, I took every month off. I was giving and giving.

I was linked, quickly linked onto his ministry. But what's funny about his ministry is whenever he does the, you have a morning breakfast. What is that called? Vision breakfast.

He does a vision breakfast. I'll go into the vision breakfast. I'm like, all right, I'm already giving.

And the Lord will say a new amount. And then I'll be like, so the Lord has been, so as when you are moved to give, let me tell you, the Lord is going to show up and he's going to show off like nobody's business. So 2018 comes and I'm following Brian.

I mean, pretty strong and just giving into the ministry. 2018, end of 2018, I look and I even did a one week trip to Honduras with a different ministry and it was powerful. And again, 2018 was more than 2017 in my career of working and then 2019, same thing.

So my thing I have to tell you guys is when you find fertile ground, start sowing into that fertile ground because this, it's fertile ground. I have tried it. I mean, Malachi 3.10 says, right? Bring your tithes and, but

also bring your tithe offering, but also let the, test him.

Not that we're trying to test the Lord all the time or anything, but test him and he will show up. He will show off and you will be in overflow season in the name of Jesus. So I work full blown commission, full blown, and I never took time off, but of course now I'm taking time off and it was Pentecost weekend and I met a client, a client found my profile and she looked me up a month before and I told her, Hey, you need to come before, before Memorial Day weekend and let's get this started.

So I knew this would end around one o'clock. I left and went back to Cobb County where I work and I met the client at the time, the amount that I was associated, I was going to close with her because usually I'll go to a client's house. So I do interior design for Bassett.

So I go measure out and I put a plan quickly together. I mean quickly. And the deal was 25K she would spend.

So I was signed Brian and Brent. I was like, Oh, I'm hoping maybe, you know, 30 would be nice. Who knows? Let's see what happens.

I get, so I leave here and I get over there and when we added it all up, it ended up being a 45K sale. So I said to her, I'm so sorry. Let me take some stuff off because I never want to go past what the client is saying.

And she goes, stop, I want it all glory, glory be to God almighty. Then I was coming this week and this week I was like, Oh man, God, I got to get July is busy. There's a lot going on.

So I was like, Oh please God, let me just get this all right. And last Sunday I met two ladies and they're like, Oh, well we have to come back with our husbands, but we really enjoyed working with you. I'm like, Oh, I hope they come back.

So this week, Tuesday they come back and usually I tell myself, you know, Mary do 20 or more a week. They come in on Tuesday. One came in at one and the other came in at three.

Long story short, 20K was closed that day and then I didn't have to worry about coming here this weekend and not being at work because where we make our money is on the weekend. So once again, I say like when you, even when you feel like you don't have enough, give it because when you don't give is when you feel the lack. But when you give and you listen and the Lord says that person give that much, give it, don't hold onto it.

Holding onto something is not going to get you anything. The only thing you need to hold onto the Holy Ghost and the Lord Almighty and he will take care of the rest. God bless y'all.

Love you. Yeah, there we go. Hey, I told y'all she's got some preach in her.

You can't get that volcano going. Wow. That was amazing.

Thank you so much. Mary John, that was incredible. So I want to pray and yeah, I think the different methods are up there.

You can give via text checks made to Bridal Glow International and oh yeah, they have this thing. Just check this out. You can pull out your iPhone.

Watch this. It's cool. You can zoom in and just to do it for funsies and you can zoom in your camera.

media directors just on top of it and let's make sure it works because this would be a way. Did it work with y'all? Yeah, isn't that cool? So we've got those will be coming in for different things and we'll pray. So yeah, Jesus, we love you.

Be glorified. I pray right now. Just lift your hands to heaven.

I want to pray a blessing the blessing of God right now financial breakthrough in the name of Jesus right now. You went off of last night's word. We prayed no more lack either brand new day of abundance provision for the vision in the name of Jesus.

Amen. Awesome. So you can come give we've got baskets on the right and left and in the balcony as well.

We'll jump in together. So so good. Break.

I'll give this to you for now. Appreciate it, man. Thank you, Lord.

Oh, that's so good. Where's the Daniella at? Are you on the balcony? Daniella wave. Where's Daniella? Yeah, I know.

I saw her Daniella somewhere. I can't see up in the location. The restaurant.

Yeah, I remember she gave last time it reminded me got smoked right there. I don't know if you guys remember that. Well, she emailed back in and some maybe she could share it later.

Some financial breakthrough happened and it's like 10 times something. It was really crazy. So I'm so good.

Should share that before they offer. So awesome. Want to share with you real quick out of first John.

You don't really need to turn there won't keep you long at all. And we'll let you guys go enjoy some lunch. Have a good day.

And again, remind you tonight we'll be here at 6. Doors open at 6 and worship will start at 630. Be super intimate. My my son Judah probably just sitting in a chair with a guitar.

We can go deep together kind of old-fashioned home group feel and I'll be teaching from the floor. And on our session three of the school of his voice going deep into dreams how God speech speaks so intricately through them. Love to take will take communion together here and pray for you all and that'll be good.

So doors open at 6 or should start 630. I'll start teaching live at 7. We'll go from there. So look, I want to read a quick verse going to exhort for a second won't keep you long.

First John chapter 1 verses 5 through 7. Okay, it's going to read it over you. first off John the beloved like I said earlier closest to the Lord Paul. I believe hit another error and hit in his day.

But John's just a different caliber guy. Okay, first off all you have to do is know this about the Gospels that you have Matthew Mark Luke and they're all called the synoptic Gospels meaning they all have the same synoptic synopsis. They see together the same John lo and behold.

He doesn't make it in the group. He just got his own gospel. He's writes things very differently.

He's the only one when Jesus walks on water. If you look closely John says and they were eager to get Jesus in the boat. He had this extra thing on him through intimacy that I think you're going to see an overriding theme upon this last hour bridal company that this they're driven by intimacy.

Listen, there's camps that are driven by works servants of the kingdom power and doing things for the Lord and we should doers of the word. But what you're going to see strengthened in this last hour is this bridal theme undergirding everything. It's all birth out of love.

Love is the most powerful powerful force behind anything. Solomon says the fire can't put it out. Waters can't drowned it.

It's the most powerful substance. So when persecution elevates love it's like that. I'm going to see Jesus quicker.

Bring it. You know what I'm saying? It doesn't really matter. Well, John was this guy.

He just wrote from a different standpoint had revelations that were very, very different. And here he had a revelation on light like nobody else. You begin to see it how he wrote.

It's like where are you coming from? Nobody else says the things you do. He's the only one that mentioned the wedding. Cana, just the bridegroom dynamic and it's beautiful.

Not that you negate the others. They're all needed in full. That's why we need the body but I love this about him.

So watch this. He's the only one that pens from this angle. He says, this is the message which we have heard from Him.

Capital H, Jesus Christ. John's basically saying, listen, I'm telling you now what I heard firsthand from Jesus Christ. Meaning this is what He conveyed to us and it's super important.

And now we declare to you that's a whole nother teaching in and of itself. Listen, in this hour we need people that are bringing stuff they heard directly from Jesus. Not regurgitated so that's okay but there's substance on people going deep into their closet hearing directly from Jesus Christ and I don't care how gifted it comes out.

We just need it coming from Jesus. Look, Bob Jones one of the most powerful prophets ever. Most grammatically off guys ever.

Yeah, back when I was born again. I'd see him. He'd sit in a stool at churches.

He'd be like, yep, there on a blue angel. Okay. And there's mysteries.

I'm like, what is going on right now? But heaven would take over the room. And he just grammatically was off but he was a friend of God. And so in this hour, look, I love orator skills and honing in and preaching and delivery.

Let's go for it. But much more we need those that walk with Jesus and hear directly from Him. Acts 4.13. I shared it before.

Untrained common men but they knew Jesus. They walked with Jesus. So basically, that's what John's saying here.

He says, listen, this is what Jesus told us. We're just declaring it to you. That God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

This is so real to John. Nobody else writes like this. God is light.

James says he's the father of lights but John knew him as a revelation of light. Even in the gospel of John and things like this. But he says, look, this is what Jesus told us about the Father.

Because now when he says God here, he's talking about the Father. He says, this is what Jesus told us. Now I'm telling you that God, Jesus told us this about the Father.

He's light. He's not around it, about it. He is it.

And in Him is no darkness at all. Not the slightest ounce. It's not in Him.

It's nowhere to be found around Him. Okay? John goes on. He says, if we say that we have fellowship with Him, God, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

This is also what I love about John. He was very straight to the point. Like, look, I was just reading in Titus the other day, okay? And I'm trying to find it.

In Paul, it's just one chapter so it's hard to find. But Paul, I'll find it another time. But Paul, his writings are very elaborate.

I mean, he would have, I don't know how he didn't make run-on sentences all the time. He just, so many commas. I mean, just look at the introduction to Titus.

I was just in it the other day. I said, oh my gosh. He even hits semicolons, says another sentence, colon, another sentence, comma, therefore God extraordinary and beyond grace, beyond to you.

I mean, just, and he's like, amen, period. It's like, you gotta like, but I love it because it's so full. But Paul was very elaborate, right? In his way, his communication style.

And I love that because you see how God uses different people in who they are. But John was like, look, if you're walking in darkness, you lie, liar. He was just super bang, bang.

And I like that because I'm similar, just straight to the point. Like John's the type of guy you get on the phone with. He'd be like, good day.

Awesome. Yeah, Jesus is good. And then it's like, good talk.

Just straight to the point. But he says, if we say that we have fellowship with him and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. And this is beautiful.

What I want to more focus on actually from the grace of God and his love is the walking in the light part. Okay, not so much focusing on the darkness, although it's all in here. It's the word, but his loving kindness leads us in this direction in a pure way in this hour.

But if we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another. Comma. And the blood of Jesus Christ, his son, cleanses us from all sin.

Okay, so I want to just give you a picture here. Again, I won't keep you long at all, but basically what John's saying here, and he starts it off with, listen, this is what Jesus told us. So Jesus sat there and told him, you don't see this in the gospels, but in any great depth, but Jesus began to tell them about the father.

Listen, he's light and him is no darkness at all. And if you claim to have fellowship with him, but walk in darkness, they basically, they don't mix. And in this last hour, I'm seeing it over and over and over throughout the word and the spirit breathing upon it that the Lord is really setting up his bride in such a pure, pure way.

I mean, look, pure water is great, you know, spring water, but then you can just purify things even more thoroughly. You know what I'm saying? You can take them through all kinds of different filters. And so I think Psalm 78 says, the word of God, his promises are purified seven times over.

And he's really by his loving kindness, his grace, desire, he's drawing people through intimacy. It's not a bashing you, condemning thing at all. That's not God.

He's not that way. But out of love, he's pulling people into him into such a level of purity that reflects the son because he's building up his body. Jesus's body is light.

And in it is no darkness at all. In Ephesians 5, 27 says, in this last hour, he's looking for a bride without spot or wrinkle. So that John's, listen, if you really slow down in these epistles, these apostles hit it head on over and over and over again through the grace of God.

So basically what John's saying here, he says, look, God is not only light. We're gonna do light over here. Okay, we'll do darkness.

Sorry, guys, darkness is this side. You know, y'all wanna flip it? They're like, yeah. I've done this before, preaching on the wise and foolish virgins.

Normally I'll split the crowd down the middle. I'm like, this'll be the foolish virgins. They're like, no, they're stoning me.

I'm like, wise virgins, extra oil. But it'll be just the stage. It won't be you guys.

So we'll do over here darkness because John talks about walking in it. And I'll expound. Over here, light.

John says, listen, Jesus told us this about God, the Father, he told us. He's light. Start thinking about the Lord.

And in him, no darkness at all. Such a beautiful place. All power, liberty, freedom.

Everything you ever longed for in the fulfillment of every promise you ever thought you could walk in is there. Because when you get out of full darkness, you can't not fulfill destiny. It's impossible to not walk in destiny over here.

So God's not only the light, he's in it. And in him, no darkness at all. Not even an ounce.

So John says, basically, he's talking, first off, epistles go to believers. Okay? This is letters to the church. He's talking to believers here.

He says, so if you claim, no, sorry, if you walk in darkness, it's over here, which is your life choosings and desires and yieldings within. And where the Lord's going now with it is with a fine-tooth comb. Not even blatant sin.

Things that would never be allowed in the presence of God where there is no darkness at all. He says, if you walk in this, but yet you claim you have fellowship with him, you're a lie. And you don't practice the truth.

Right? And then so he goes on, he says, but if you walk in the light as he is in the light, you not only have fellowship with him, but listen to where it goes further at. And this is where I'm telling you, a lot of people don't like this, but it's just Bible 101. You'll have fellowship with him, but also the blood of Jesus cleanses you from all sin.

So just picture a showerhead over here. Rainforest showerhead of the blood of Jesus. It's always on in light.

Okay? But I'm telling you where it's not. It's not in darkness. And see that if I talked about earlier, watch it's in here.

New Living has an if and a then. Watch this. This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you that God is light, in him is no darkness at all.

If we say we have fellowship with him and walk in darkness with light, do not practice the truth, verse 7, but if, anytime you ever see an if, it is 100% conditional. Listen, there's positional righteousness and relational righteousness. They're both absolute truths in scripture.

They're both absolute necessity necessary for walking with God. And they're both totally scriptural truths, but they're both very, very different. So positional righteousness is your spirit man, brand new creation, born again.

Righteousness through the blood of Christ is how God sees you. Right? We all know that. But relational righteousness is what John's talking about now.

And this is where the men and boys separate. The women and young women. And this is what a lot of people don't preach on where the grace message gets obscured.

It gets a bit blurry. Hebrews 10, 14, I've quoted this a million times. It's one of the most beautiful verses that I believe highlights them both at once.

How many of you know we need to read the whole word of God? Anybody can build an argument around their take on something through picking and pulling. I've seen it throughout the years. Listen, man, and they're really good at it.

I remember I had a Baptist friend when I was born again. And he knew the word. I love the Baptist, man.

Pastor Stanley, I know he grew up, he got slammed full of the Holy Spirit. But I love this about the Baptist. They're deep in the word.

They're passionate about souls. And some of them are full of Holy Ghost too. But if they're not, they don't believe in the gifts and things like this, right? And that's okay.

But this guy, dear friend, our connection was the Lord. He was deep in the word, but he had all his verses pulled out for against healing and the supernatural. I was like, bro, it's too late.

I've already seen too many miracles. I'm not the guy. Don't talk to me about it.

So then I went on purpose when I'd see stuff and supernatural, I'd just keep hitting him with it. Wham, wham. Because it's just once you see it.

But we need the full word of God. Because as soon as you start pulling puzzle pieces out, that God has forever, for all of time, made perfect positional righteousness in Christ. You're forever made perfect in his eyes through Jesus.

Those that are being made holy. It's like, hold on, Paul. There's two different seats.

You can look at it like your seat of positional righteousness in the spirit, but your soul and your desire of man that's being renewed, your mind being renewed, and you must walk out the salvation and you must emerge and the seats be together. Does that make sense? You want your relational righteousness to match your positional. And far too often we love the grace messages.

I get it. And they preach heavy on the positional righteousness. There's no accountability for relational.

And John's hitting it with a bat. Man, he used to play baseball. He's like, give me that fastball.

Pow, he hits it. He says, if you walk here by the grace of God, and he's really given such a grace right now in this hour to yield to it. But watch this.

He says, if. When there's ever an if there, it's completely conditional, right? And so he says, if we walk in light as he is in the light, we not only have fellowship with him, and I want to read some notes I wrote through quickly with my phone to hopefully just hit some points home. But there's fellowship here but also, and the if is connected.

The if is connected. I'm not talking about your born again positional seat. I'm talking about relational.

If you walk in the light, also then, if, is conditional. Only then, your sins are cleansed by the blood of Jesus. So that being said, the blood of Jesus' rain forest shower is not raining over here.

Nor is the fellowship with God. So this is where we miss it because often we do inner choosings and there's areas of our life that disconnect and don't have fellowship with him. Number one.

Number two, there's areas of our life that aren't being cleansed by the blood of Jesus. And people love to go, but my position in Christ, that's true. But also, your relational position, and this is what John's talking about.

He says, if, meaning in light, there's only fellowship and in light's where the blood washes you. Does this make sense to you guys? This is why, too, the Bible says even, submit to God, resist the devil and he'll flee. A lot of areas of our life aren't submitted to God.

They're walking in darkness and we're rebuking and the devil ain't fleeing. Because it's first, it's submit to God. Get in light, then resist the devil.

The devil has no open door. He can't get there. And so, in this hour, in such a beautiful way, and again, the standards are coming higher by his grace.

And so, I want to read to you some notes just quickly out of my phone. Listen, I want to hit some really fine tune ones, okay? Even the slightest ulterior motives of our heart, like gossip, slander, those things aren't in light. Listen, in light, in him, there is no darkness at all.

Gossip, slander, selfish ambition. Again, not to be heavy, but just like, oh yes, Jesus, get me fully over here. I want to shower ahead of the blood of Jesus and I want deep fellowship with you.

Soon as decisions are made and yielded and allowed in the realm of darkness, that begins to detach your fellowship with him. And of course, by the blood and the position we have a way back in, but far too often, we make these continual choosings and there's a disconnect there and it becomes obscure. Divisiveness, unforgiveness, jealousy, envy, pride, telling half-truths.

You know y'all done that before. It's like, if I say it this way, it's going to, man, I caught a fish this big. Yeah, yeah.

And God loves you. Listen, he's like, I love you, I get it, but let's go on, let's keep moving, you understand, into pure, pure light. And another thing is about when there's a mixture and things get dim, maybe we can dim the, hey, can y'all maybe dim the house lights? Because it's harder.

So as there's mixture in here and you're not in pure light as he is, it starts to get harder to see things and find them. You can crank them back up but when you walk in pure light, everything starts to get, you see it more clearly. And that's why often certain believers are like, man, how are they doing that? How are they getting away with that? They walk in a pure light.

How about we just go more and more into the pure light that God dwells in where there is no darkness at all. And you start to find those little things not to point the finger or how dare they, you love them, you're just like, man, no, come over here, it's way better over here. There's complete freedom.

There is no really, not even a big need to resist the devil anymore because there's no doors open. He can't even, I'm fully submitted to God. He even starts to get near and I see him way over there.

I'm like, man, he sounds like Charlie Brown's teacher. And you just laugh at him and say, man, I'm scared to come near because you're walking at such a high plane in pure light where there is no darkness at all. 100% fellowship with God under this rain shower force out of the blood of Jesus.

But what's beautiful, John says, but if you read further, he goes, if you claim to have no sin, you're a lie too. He hits it dead on because we need his grace. But if you keep reading, he says, we have an advocate with Jesus Christ, wash me.

I love it, Steve Hill at the Brownsboro Bible. Real simple, he'd say, repeat this after me. Wash me.

Wash me, Jesus. And then you turn. Repentance is just a 180.

It's just, you were walking one way and you'd turn and go the other. And you go back into light. And this is where fellowship is so pure.

His voice is so clear. You're constantly being washed in the blood of Jesus. Listen, also you walk in healing and freedom.

Things can't, there are no doorways. You walk in complete power. The blood of Jesus heals, sets free, keeps you pure, everything.

And it's all over here. Yeah, also I just want to point this out because if you read it closely, he says, walk. Original context, he's talking about walking in the light and then walking in darkness.

I have here, this must be a lifestyle of walking step after step. He didn't say step in the light for a second, come out, stand, nothing. Walk is, not even run, it's a steady pace of life.

But you can't walk unless it's step after step. It's a continual choice of lifestyle of walking and walking in it. You know what I mean? It's a simple everyday choosing on our end, but it's a walking we do.

And I have here, the word cleanses us from all sin. If you look it up in its origin, original Greek, it means to make pure and remove of all admixture or intermingling. And that's what it does within us and it just makes you new.

You know, it's so powerful. I was talking to Ron last night. We've been running for years now.

Actually, I met him back in Louisiana, Stacey, and actually prophesied Georgia to them before we knew we were connected to Georgia. It was so crazy. I was still in Louisiana, and I think you have it on recording, so yeah, Stacey.

And they just got born again nine months. And sure enough, because I was talking to them, I was like, man, because they just walk at a real deep, pure level with the Lord. No mixture, no time for it.

Just Jesus, Jesus, they're possessed. You have to withstand humility, and I'm like, hold on. You haven't been born in that long, but they walk at a level that's far past many that have been with the Lord for years.

And he said, sure enough, people prophesied over them that the Lord had them in a fast-forward mode, and that's what happened. But I remember y'all were brave to come to that meeting because you're new to the things of the Spirit, and Ron got tased like a taser gun hit him on the front. And I'm like, Peach, there's something with y'all in Georgia.

I didn't even know we were coming yet. It was so funny. But this walking in pure light and detaching from the things of the world is what the Lord's doing.

I've been preaching out of Joshua, and no mixture. And the Lord's doing it in a beautiful way, but it means to remove all admixture. And if we ever want to find him, we must always know that he is not only in the light, he is actually the light himself.

I can't hear the Lord. I want more deep fellowship. Go to the light.

If he is it and he's in it, he's not over here. And not only that, I know people don't like this, it's just the word. The blood of Jesus does not wash over here.

There's an if. If you walk in the light, then. New Living says if and then.

This is New King James with New Living right here. Watch this. I just want to do it for emphasis sake.

So, then. Only then. We have fellowship and only then does the blood of Jesus wash us.

I hope that makes sense to you guys. I know people don't like that. No, no, I'm washed in the blood.

Okay, I hope it looks that way in the spirit. Because I'm telling you, the Bible is saying if you've got choosings and darkness and you walk in it, you're not washed in the blood. But I'm born again.

I know your positional seat is. Relational is not. And they're beautiful.

That's not too heavy, huh? Yeah, this excites me, because it's like he's so good and you see him hitting it in his house. Also. Yes, indeed.

That's good. But yeah, I just love it. What the Lord is doing in myself and in all of us by his grace and his goodness, and he's just so pure and true.

And I'm telling you, he is light. He's in the light. He's in the light to get the loss.

Of course, he burns for him. Yes, indeed. There's Daniela.

I knew you were here. She's amazing. But yeah, he burns.

Listen, but the thing is, when you get born again, you step through that threshold and doorway of being saved, we want to come further and further into the pure light, because that's where he is. He's got his seat set up, not questioning salvation, nothing condemning, nothing like that. But also, we need to start merging over into this pure, pure light.

And it's beautiful. I'll never forget, and I'll close it here, this encounter I had. I didn't mean to share this, but it was beautiful.

I saw the Lord like John's talking about. I was locked up for that season when I took off for like a year and you practice the presence. There's constant communion, but also there's something to be said about going into your closet and shutting the door behind you.

And it was days, and I was building, and it got to this place where all I know is the Lord. I could see him coming in from the right, all as light. And the closer he got, I physically couldn't handle it.

Those of you that have had these type of encounters, you get it. And the closer he got, I was literally, thank the Lord nobody was in the house, he would have put me in like a loony ward. Like, put him in the straitjacket.

I was getting like hit with power and I couldn't handle it the closer he got. All of pure light, and he's putting that into his people in this hour, pulling them into pure light and they're walking. The devil's like, no, no, no, no, please just keep a little mixture.

Just keep some of your decisions, and I still have my foothold in there somewhere. Because that's the only place the rain forest is coming down at all times over here. So I had the strangest thought in the encounter, believe it or not, of a close friend at the time in North Carolina.

I'm down in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. And I thought, man, I wish this person could see the Lord like this. A thought in a heavenly encounter.

When you're in the heavenly realms, you don't even have to communicate in heaven. Everybody knows thoughts, it's pretty wild. So that was it, the thought.

Next day, the person calls up and they're like, you're not gonna believe what happened last night. Mind you, it was that evening. I had that encounter.

Well, that night, this person went into a dream and they said, the Lord came to me all as light. And the closer he got, it was power. And I was like, yeah, you're basically saying what happened to my, and they didn't know I had thought that.

But I didn't even pray it, I thought it in the encounter, it hit this person. But that's all, that we know him. We would walk in deep light and listen.

And as we walk through, destiny starts to happen. That's all it is. A lot of times, it's just the re-posturing of getting closer into the pure, pure light.

And it's awesome, everything will change. So awesome, if you wanna stand, we'll pray. Jackie and Tracy, if you don't mind coming up with me.

Thank you, Lord. Yeah, so just focus on the Lord. We're gonna pray together corporately and allow him to take us further into the light by his beauty and love.

Yeah, just begin to see Jesus. And as you continue to focus on the Lord, there was one main thing I saw crystal clear, that there was, I believe a good many of you in here, that you've recently lost your hope. It was specifically that hope, you know, the Bible says hope deferred makes the heart sick.

And Hebrews 6:19 talks about the anchor of your soul being hope. And I saw it really clear in prayer regarding this week. And there was some of you that have, you've lost hope.

And listen, hope is in the top big three of Corinthians faith. And then there were faith, hope, and love. A lot of times, it gets neglected or overlooked.

But hope is really, really big. And I feel some of you have lost that. So in a second after I pray, I'd love to invite some of you.

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