

# Conquering the Darkness

by David Wilkerson

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*David Wilkerson's sermon emphasizes the power of the Holy Spirit to conquer darkness through understanding and joy amidst affliction.*

**Scripture:** Psalm 55:22, Isaiah 9:2, Matthew 11:28, John 1:5, Romans 15:13, 2 Corinthians 1:3-4, Philippians 4:6-7, 1 Peter 5:7, 1 John 4:4, Revelation 9:3-10

**Topics:** "Light vs. Darkness", "The Power of the Holy Spirit"

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## Description

David Wilkerson emphasizes that light is the only force that can conquer darkness, as illustrated in Isaiah and John. He explains that light symbolizes understanding and that the Holy Spirit empowers believers to overcome the challenges posed by darkness and fear. Wilkerson encourages Christians to cast their burdens onto the Holy Spirit, who is present to guide and comfort them through difficult times. He highlights that true testimony comes from those who embody joy and trust in God, even amidst overwhelming problems. Ultimately, the presence of the Holy Spirit in believers' lives serves as a beacon of hope to a world in darkness.

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## Transcript

Only one thing conquers and dispels darkness, and that is light. Isaiah declared, "The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light" (Isaiah 9:2). Likewise, John stated, "The light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not" (John 1:5).

Light represents understanding. When we say, "I see the light," we're saying, "Now I understand." Do you see what Scripture is saying? The Lord is about to open our eyes, not to see a victorious devil but to receive new revelation. Our God has sent us his Holy Ghost, whose power is greater than all the powers of hell: "Greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world" (1 John 4:4).

In Revelation we read of hell spewing forth locusts and scorpions that have great power. We read of a dragon, beasts, horned creatures, as well as a coming Antichrist. Yet, we don't know the meaning of all these creatures. That is, we don't have to. We don't need to worry about the Antichrist or the mark of the beast.

There is living in us the Spirit of Almighty God and his Christ. Paul declares that the power of the Holy Spirit is working in us. In other words, the Holy Ghost is alive in us at this very moment.

So, how does the Spirit work in us in the midst of hard times? His power is released only as we receive him as our burden bearer. The Holy Spirit was given to us for this very reason, to bear our cares and worries. So, how can we say we've received him if we haven't turned over our burdens to him?

The Holy Spirit isn't shut up in glory, but is here, abiding in us. And he's waiting anxiously to take control of every situation in our lives, including our afflictions. So, if we continue in fear--despairing, questioning, going deeper into anxiety--then we haven't received him as our comforter, helper, guide, rescuer and strength.

The witness to the world is the Christian who has cast his every burden on the Holy Spirit. Like the Thessalonians, the believer sees overwhelming problems all around, and yet he has the joy of the Lord. He trusts God's Spirit for his comfort, and for guidance out of his affliction. And he has a powerful testimony to a lost world, because he embodies joy despite being surrounded by darkness. His life tells the world, "This person has seen the light."

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