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Sunday Morning Prayer & Study

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"I Loved You First"

(You were in darkness and, the darkness could not comprehend *The Light*)

In the Bible, the "nature" of something means its true core, its built-in character, the inner traits that make it what it is. It is the basic identity or fixed quality of a person, animal, or object, rather than just what they do on the outside.

The nature of sin come directly from Satan. That dark ungodly nature that is opposed to everything that God Loves and stands for. When you give your life to Christ, that sin nature is like an old Ex who can't understand why you don't understand it was only a few one-night stands none of them were serious, so why are you breaking up with me?

Then they stalk you and try to win you back and if that doesn't work, they threaten to expose your past and/or destroy your future. They try to scare you back to them but, **Greater Is He That Is In You Than he (your ex) That is in the world.** 1st John 4:4

Genesis 3:1 & Revelation 12:9: Satan, identified as the ancient serpent/devil, and is the instigator and tempter who first rebelled against God.

Isaiah 14:12-14 & Ezekiel 28:12-17: Passages describing the pride and fall of Lucifer before human history began, where he desired to make himself like the Most High.

James 1:14-15: Sin originates inside a person when they are carried away and enticed by their own evil desire, which gives birth to sin.

Spiritual Darkness is Sin/Satan, The light is **God/Christ**. Man's sinful nature cannot comprehend The Nature of **God/Christ/The Light**. The Darkness was/is unable to understand, control, nor manipulate **The Light/Christ**.

John 1:1-5

Amplified Bible

(1) In the beginning [**before all time**] was the Word (**Christ**), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God Himself.



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In the beginning: This phrase echoes the opening of **Genesis 1:1**, establishing a connection between the creation account and the **Gospel of John**. It signifies the pre-existence of **The Word**, indicating that **The Word** was present before the creation of the world. This emphasizes the eternal nature of **The Word**, suggesting that **The Word** is not a created being but has always existed. The phrase sets the stage for understanding the divine nature of **The Word**, aligning with the Jewish understanding of God as eternal.

And God saw that the light was good: This phrase emphasizes God's approval of His creation. The concept of "good" in the biblical context often denotes something that fulfills its intended purpose. Light, in this sense, represents order, clarity, and the presence of God, contrasting with chaos and disorder. The approval of light as "good" sets a precedent for the rest of creation, where God repeatedly acknowledges the goodness of His work. This also foreshadows the moral and spiritual symbolism of light throughout Scripture, such as in **John 8:12**, where Jesus declares Himself the "**light of the world**," indicating **purity, truth, and divine presence**.

was the Word: The term "Word" (Logos in Greek) is rich in meaning. In Jewish thought, the Word of God is associated with creation, revelation, and salvation. In Greek philosophy, Logos refers to reason or the principle of order in the universe. By using this term, the text bridges Jewish and Greek understandings, presenting the Word as the divine agent of creation and revelation. **The Word** is not merely a spoken word **but a person**, as later verses reveal, who is active in the world. **Ps 33:6, 2nd Peter 3:5, Hew 11:3**

Amplified Bible

(2) He was [continually existing] in the beginning [co-eternally] with God.

New American Standard Bible

(3) All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him not even one thing came into being that has come into being.

GOD'S WORD® Translation

(4) He was the source of life, and that life was the light for humanity.

Amplified Bible

(5) The Light shines on in the darkness, and the darkness did not understand it or overpower it or appropriate it or absorb it [and is unreceptive to it].

1 John 4:4

New International Version

(4) You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.

(have you ever noticed that God never calls Us His kids? He calls us His Children, His Little Ones? Kids are goats, the unrepented are goats, **Believers in Christ are Sheep** Matthew 25:31-46)



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1 John 1:5-7

Amplified Bible

(5) This is the message [of God's promised revelation] which we have heard from Him and now announce to you, that God is Light [He is holy, His message is truthful, He is perfect in righteousness], and in Him there is no darkness at all [no sin, no wickedness, no imperfection].

Good News Translation

(6) If, then, we say that we have fellowship with him, yet at the same time live in the darkness, we are lying both in our words and in our actions.

If we say we have fellowship with Him: In the context of 1 John, fellowship implies a deep, intimate connection with God, akin to the relationship between the Father and the Son. The concept of fellowship is rooted in the Greek word "koinonia," which signifies partnership and shared life. Biblically, true fellowship with God is characterized by walking in His light and truth, as seen in John 15:4-5, where abiding in Christ is essential for spiritual fruitfulness.

yet walk in the darkness: Walking in darkness symbolizes living in sin and moral error, contrary to God's nature, which is light (1 John 1:5). In biblical terms, darkness represents ignorance, evil, and separation from God (John 3:19-21). The cultural context of the time emphasized the stark contrast between light and darkness, a common theme in Jewish and early Christian teachings. Walking in darkness is a lifestyle inconsistent with the teachings of Christ, as seen in Ephesians 5:8-11, where believers are called to live as children of light.

and do not practice the truth: Practicing the truth involves living according to God's commandments and teachings. The Greek word for "practice" implies continuous action, stating that truth must be a consistent part of a believer's life. This aligns with James 1:22, which urges believers to be doers of the word, not merely hearers. This truth is central to a believer's faith, as Jesus declared Himself to be "the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6). Practicing the truth is evidence of genuine faith and transformation through the Holy Spirit.

Amplified-Bible

But whoever practices truth [and does what is right—morally, ethically, spiritually] comes to the Light, so that his works may be plainly shown to be what they are accomplished in God [divinely prompted, done with God's help, in dependence on Him].” (John 3:21)

Amplified Bible

(7) but if we [really] walk in the Light [that is, live each and every day in conformity with the precepts of God], as He Himself is in the Light, we have [true, unbroken] fellowship with one another [He with us, and we with Him], and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin [by erasing the stain of sin, keeping us cleansed from sin in all its forms and manifestations].



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as He is in the light: God/Christ Jesus is the **ONLY TRUE SOURCE** of light, representing His perfect holiness and truth (**1 John 1:5**). This phrase emphasizes the standard of divine purity and truth that believers are called to emulate. It reflects the nature of God as revealed in the Old Testament, where light is associated with God's presence and guidance (**Psalms 27:1**). The call to be in the light as God is in the light underscores the transformative power of a relationship with Him.

we have fellowship with one another: Fellowship, or "**koinonia**" in Greek, denotes a deep, spiritual communion among believers. This fellowship is rooted in shared faith and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. In the early church, fellowship was a vital aspect of community life, involving shared meals, prayers, and mutual support (**Acts 2:42**). This phrase highlights the unity and love that should characterize the body of Christ, transcending social and cultural barriers. (**Acts 2:42, Heb 10:24-25, Phil 2:1-2**)

and the blood of Jesus His Son: The blood of Jesus is central to Christian theology, symbolizing His sacrificial death and atonement for sin. In the Old Testament, blood sacrifices were required for the forgiveness of sins (**Leviticus 17:11**). Jesus' blood fulfills and surpasses these sacrifices, offering a once-for-all atonement (**Hebrews 9:12-14**). This phrase underscores the significance of Christ's sacrifice as the foundation for cleansing and redemption. **This is NOT! A once saved always saved event,** it means **Christ** died **ONCE!** for current and future humanity.

Romans 5:6-10

Amplified Bible

(6) While we were still helpless [**powerless to provide for our salvation**], at the right time Christ died [**as a substitute**] for the ungodly.

Amplified Bible

(7) Now it is an extraordinary thing for one to willingly give his life even for an upright man, though perhaps for a good man [one who is noble and selfless and worthy] someone might even dare to die.

Weymouth New Testament

(8) But God gives proof of His love to us in Christ's dying for us while we were still sinners.

Amplified Bible

(9) Therefore, since we have now been justified [**declared free of the guilt of sin**] by His blood, [**how much more certain is it that**] we will be saved from the wrath of God through Him.

Amplified Bible

(10) For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, *it is much more certain*, having been reconciled, that we will be saved [**from the consequences of sin**] by His life [**that is, we will be saved because Christ lives today**].



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