

## Genesis 1 Verses 3-5; And The Evening And The Morning Were The First Day

**Ge 1:3 ¶ "And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. 4 And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. 5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day."**

In creation, God set in motion not only day and night in this natural world; He also set in motion day and night in the spiritual realm. What do you mean? When the sun rises in the morning it cast forth its light upon the earth. When we are born again, by the Holy Spirit power of Christ, the Son of God rises in our hearts, and our eyes are enlightened bringing forth a new day. It is a day of spiritual blessings, which when we first experience, it seems like it will always be present. However, because we have an inherited sin nature in our flesh, sometimes we lose sight of the Son, and night sets in.

How are things with you today? Is the Son bringing day into your life? Are you spiritually focused on Jesus and rejoicing in his gift of eternal salvation in your life? Or have you lost sight of the Son, and you are in a time of spiritual night? Remember the scripture in ***Ga 5:17; 16 "This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. 17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would."*** Paul tells us that after the new birth, the lust of the flesh uses every weapon at its disposal, to find a crack in our armor and enter in and bring night into our spiritual lives. Paul also tells us, when it is spiritual day in our lives, we are using the weapon of Grace, which empowers us to employ prayer, faith, hope, and love, to cast out evil. It empowers us to put on the whole armor of God, which will allow the Son to continue to shine in our hearts, and it remains day with us.

Now consider this: with the new birth, we are given eternal remission of our sins, and we are given eternal life in Christ. What does God tell us about eternal life with Christ? In the day of the resurrection of the dead in Christ, and the change of those of us who are alive and remain at His coming, we are to be taken by Jesus to a place where there is no night, seen in ***Re 22:1 ¶ "And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. 2 In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. 3 And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him: 4 And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads. 5 And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever."***

Furthermore, we are told why there will be no night there in ***Re 21:23 "And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof."*** Jesus was the light of the world while He was here in time. Before He left, He told us that we are the light of the world. So, why is it that after the new birth, we experience the darkness of night in our spiritual lives? Well, since God in the beginning created day and night, so it is in our spiritual lives. It is day when we have our eye focused on Christ, whether it be day or night naturally. When we experience night, spiritually darkness, is when we are in the midst of trials and tribulations in this life, and we have lost our focus upon Jesus our Saviour.

Understand, we live in a world that is dominated by sin, and is under the rule of the devil who is the power of darkness seen in ***Eph 2:1 ¶ "And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; 2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: 3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others."***

Wherefore, when it is night in our lives, we are in spiritual darkness because we have turned our eye away from Jesus, and we have forgotten the great salvation He has wrought in our lives. Just because we are physically sick, or our bodies do not function as they once did, is no reason to forget the gift of God in our lives and let the light of day, which Jesus has given us, be hidden from those around us. These light afflictions we suffer here in time should make our light shine more brightly. Why? Because we know in our hearts and minds that Jesus has given us eternal life with Him. Therefore, we should let nothing this evil world can lay upon us, extinguish the light, of the day of Christ, in our lives.

So, we remind you, there is day and night in our spiritual lives here in time, but as Paul said in **Heb 12:2** **"Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."** Paul suffered more than most any other man, aside from Jesus. Wherefore, when spiritual darkness is closing in and you see the sun setting to bring on the night, remember that we are going to a place where there is no night, and we will spend eternity with Jesus Christ, who is the light of that place He has gone to prepare for us, and He is the light within us now in time. Jesus is the Day star that has arisen in our hearts. Wherefore, live your lives in the sunshine of the hope, that our bodies shall be resurrected unto eternal life with Christ. Hallelujah! Amen!