

***“Believe In The Light”***  
***John 12:35-36***

**Introduction:**

1. Let's Return In Our Bibles This Morning:
  - To John 12 - Where:
    - After Jesus Was Welcomed:
      - To Jerusalem - By The Thousands!
      - As King - And Even:
        - As The Messiah / Christ!
        - Triumphal Entry / Palm Sunday!
  - Jesus Continues To Reveal:
    - To The Crowds:
      - Just What Kind Of King:
        - And Messiah He Really Was!
2. And By The Time We Get To:
  - 12:24 - The People:
    - Were Confused:
      - As To Who & What:
        - Jesus Was Talking About?
    - After All:
      - The People Had Heard That Their Messiah:
        - Would Be Eternal:
          - And Abide For Ever!
      - But Jesus Was Talking About:
        - Someone Who Would Be:
          - Executed - By Being:
            - “Lifted Up!”
    - And So - 12:34:
      - “The people answered him, We have heard out of the law that Christ abideth for ever: and how sayest thou, The Son of man must be lifted up? who is this Son of man?”
3. And - It Is To Address Their Confusion:
  - And - To Answer This Question:
    - That We Find Next In 12:35-36:
      - “Then Jesus said unto them, Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth. / While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light. These things spake Jesus, and departed, and did hide himself from them!”
    - **IE:** If You Have Ever Tried Working On Something - You Know How Useful Light Can Be! Was Recently Tuning Up My Chain-Saw, And Was Having Some Trouble Getting Everything To Go Back Together Just Right! The Trouble Was - I Couldn't See Well Enough! So, I Took It Outside, And With The Light Of The Sun - What At First Was A Bit Confusing To Me - Became Clear! And Everything Went Back Together Without Any More Problems!
      - And - This Too Is What Jesus Wanted The People To Know:
        - When It Came To Their Own Confusion:
          - About Him - As The Son Of Man!
          - And - About Their Christ & Messiah!
      - Just Like Most Everything Becomes Clear:
        - In The Light - He Was The One:
          - Who Could Clear Up Any Confusion They Had About The Truth!
        - Because He Is That Light! Even:
          - The “Light Of The World!”
4. And So It Can Be For Us!
  - When We Face Confusion:
    - In Our Own Minds & Lives:
      - We Need To Learn To:
        - Live In The Light Of Jesus!
          - Because Everything Becomes Clearer In His Light!
    - We Need To Learn To:

- Live In The Light Of Jesus!
- And - In These Verses:
  - Jesus Even Tells Us:
  - How That Can Be Done!

5. Because - In 12:35:
- Jesus First Explains:
    - To The Crowd Around Him:
    - As Well As To Us:
    - That We Need To Live In:

**1. *The Presence Of The Light!***

- Even - The Presence Of Him:
  - As The Light!
    - Because - Just As Jesus Said Unto Them:
      - 12:35a - “Yet A Little While Is The Light With You!”
  - Now - Once Again:
    - Jesus Is Using Natural Things:
      - To Teach About:
        - Spiritual Truth!
    - And - The Things He Says About:
      - Natural Light - Can Be Applied To:
        - Him - As The Spiritual:
          - “Light Of The World!”
  - And - Just Like:
    - Natural Light Can Be:
      - So Fleeting - Especially When:
        - You Are Trying To Get So Many Things Done In A Day!
    - So It Is With Jesus:
      - And His Spiritual Light:
        - Upon Their Souls!
          - “Yet A Little While Is The Light With You!”
  - And So - The First Thing:
    - Jesus Focuses On Is That:
      - The Presence Of His Light:
- Is A Privilege!
  - “The Light Is With You” - Jesus Says!
    - Earlier In John:
      - He Described Himself:
        - The Same Way!
    - In 8:12 - He Said:
      - “I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life!”
    - And Then - In 9:5 - Jesus Said:
      - “As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world!”
  - And - Since Jesus Was:
    - The Light - Who Was With Them:
      - Right Then & Right There:
        - They Didn’t Need To Stay Confused About:
          - What They Heard About Their Messiah From Their Scriptures - The Law!
  - Because - It Is Jesus:
    - Who Brings His Light:
      - To His Law - So That:
        - They Could Understand The Right Meaning Of God’s Message To Them!
    - They Just Had To Listen To Jesus:
      - And See Things In His Light!
  - And - Just Having The Light Of Jesus:
    - In This World:

- Is A Privilege!
- Even For Us!
  - We May Not See Jesus:
    - With Our Own Eyes:
      - Like They Did!
  - We May Not Hear Jesus:
    - With Our Own Ears:
      - Like They Did!
  - But - We Can Still:
    - See Jesus & Hear Jesus:
      - Through The Word Of God!
- And - The Presence Of His Light:
  - As Found In His Word:
    - Is Still A Great Privilege!
  - Because - Without His Light:
    - We Would Still Be Living:
      - In Nothing But Darkness!
  - But - Even Though:
    - The Presence Of His Light:
      - Is A Privilege!
    - The Presence Of His Light:
- Is Also Provisional!
  - Which Is Why Jesus Told Them:
    - In 12:35 - "Yet A Little While Is The Light With You!"
  - Just Like Any Light:
    - His Presence & Illumination:
      - Was Temporary & Limited!
    - So - They Needed To:
      - Accept His Light - And:
        - Apply His Light:
          - Before He & His Light:
            - Went Away!
  - Of Course - He Was Talking About:
    - His Physical Presence With Them:
      - Which Would Be Taken From Them:
        - In Just A Few Days Time:
          - When He Died On The Cross!
    - But - The Principle Remains True!
      - We Must Respond To:
        - The Light We Have:
          - While We Have It!
    - Because - If You Don't Use The Light:
      - You Will Lose It:
        - Soon Enough!
- And That Is Why:
  - We Need To Learn To:
    - Live In The Light Of Jesus - Today!
      - To Accept His Light - And:
        - To Apply His Light:
          - While We Have His Light!
  - And This Is Especially True:
    - Whenever We Are Confused About:
      - God's Word To Us!
        - Just Like The Jews Who Were Confused About What They "Heard Out Of The Law!"
    - When You Are Confused About:
      - God's Word:
        - Learn To Look At It:

- In The Light Of Jesus!
- Because - Only Then:
  - Can It Be Made Clear!
- But Then - After Telling Them & Us About:
  - The Presence Of The Light:
    - Jesus Goes On To Explain That:
    - We Need To Live In:

## 2. *The Purpose Of The Light!*

- Even - The Purpose Of His Light!
  - Because - Jesus Adds In 12:35b:
    - “Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth!”
  - So - The Purpose Of The Light:
    - And - The Purpose Of His Light:
      - Is To Walk In It!
    - Which Means To:
      - Do Everything In Your Life:
        - Through The Light & Illumination Of Jesus!
  - Think About All The Different Dimensions:
    - Of Your Life!
      - Your Personal Life!
      - Your Family Life!
      - Your Church Life!
      - Your Work Life!
    - In Every Part Of Your Life:
      - The Light Of Jesus:
        - Gives Meaning To Them All!
  - And So - You Need To Learn To:
    - Live In The Light Of Jesus!
      - Because His Light Is What:
        - Illuminates Your Life!
          - Like The Light Of The Sun!
      - Because His Light Is What:
        - Invigorates Your Life!
          - Like The Energy & Heat Of The Sun!
      - Because His Light Is What:
        - Even Illustrates What Your Life Can Be Through Him!
  - This Is The Purpose:
    - Of Jesus As The Light Of The World!
      - And As - The Light:
        - Of Your World!
      - To Walk In His Light:
        - While You Have His Light!
    - And - The Reason To Do So:
      - Is Urgent! Because:
        - When It Comes To:
  - The Need For This Kind Of Walk:
    - Jesus Adds - 12:35:
      - “Lest Darkness Come Upon You!”
        - In Nature - Darkness Is The Opposite Of Light:
          - Because Darkness Is The:
            - Absence Of Light!
    - But - In Spiritual Terms:
      - Darkness Is The:
        - Absence Of Jesus:
          - In Your Life!
      - And - This Is The Only Alternative:

- If You Do Not Walk With:
  - Jesus As The Light Of Your Life!
- You Are Destined:
  - For Eternal Darkness:
    - That Will Match The Darkness:
      - Of Your Own Heart!
  - And So - Jesus Urges Us To:
    - “Walk While We Have His Light!”
      - Otherwise - Jesus Tells Us About:
- The Notice For This Kind Of Walk:
  - 12:35 - “For He That Walketh In Darkness Knoweth Not Whither He Goeth!”
    - Jesus Gives Us This Notice & Warning:
      - If We Do Not Live & Walk:
        - In His Light!
    - You Don’t Even Know:
      - Where You’re Going!
        - **IE:** Like Driving At Night & Your Lights Go Out!
  - When The Path:
    - You Are Walking On:
      - In Your Life - Is Dark:
        - It Is Dangerous - And:
          - Will Lead To Despair!
    - But - Even This:
      - People Aren’t Aware Of:
        - Until Jesus Shines His Light:
          - Into Their Darkness!
      - **IE:** Remember Paul? Road To Damascus - Thinking He Was Doing Right For God - But Was Walking In Darkness - Until Jesus Shined His Light Onto His Path & Into His Heart!
  - So - Whenever Jesus Starts To Shine:
    - His Light In Your Life:
      - In Any Way - You Need To:
        - Receive It!
    - Don’t Close Your Eyes:
      - To His Light!
        - Don’t Shut The Door:
          - To His Light! And:
            - Don’t Run Away From:
              - His Light!
    - Instead - Walk In His Light!
      - And - Learn To:
        - Live In The Light Of Jesus!
    - And This Is Especially True:
      - Whenever You Are Confused About:
        - The World Around You!
    - When You Are Confused About:
      - The Things In This World:
        - Learn To Look At It:
          - In The Light Of Jesus!
      - Even To See Things:
        - The Way He Sees Them!
    - Because - Only Then:
      - Can Things Be Made Clear!
        - Even David Was Confused:
          - When He Saw How The Wicked Prospered, Even As The Righteous Perished!
      - When He Started To See Things:
        - In The Light Of God:
          - In Psalm 73:17 - “Until I went into the sanctuary of God; then understood I

- their end!”
- Only The Light Of Jesus Christ:
  - Will Clear Up Your Confusion:
  - About The Darkness Of This World!
- But - If His Light Is So Good:
  - How Can You:
    - Experience & Apply:
      - The Presence Of His Light:
      - In Your Life?
  - And - How Can You:
    - Experience & Walk According To:
      - The Purpose Of His Light:
      - In Your Life?
- Well - It All Begins:
  - When You Respond To:

### 3. ***The Plea Of The Light!***

- Even - The Plea Of His Light!
  - Because Of What Jesus Tell Us Next In 12:36:
    - “While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light. These things spake Jesus, and departed, and did hide himself from them!”
  - So - As The Light Of The World:
    - Jesus Makes His Own Plea:
      - To Those Who Are Living In Darkness!
      - And - His Plea Is To:
        - “Believe In The Light!”
  - Because - Only When You:
    - Believe In Him & His Light:
      - Will You Ever Be Able To Walk:
        - In His Light & Apply His Light In Your Life!
  - “Believe In The Light!”
    - This Is The Same Gracious Plea:
      - That Jesus Makes All Throughout:
        - The Gospel Of John!
    - Because - To Believe In The Light:
      - Is To Believe In Him:
        - As The Light!
      - “Believe Me!”
        - Jesus Says In 4:21 & 14:11!
      - “Believe In Me!”
        - Jesus Says In Other Passages!
  - And So - To Believe In The Light Of Jesus:
    - Means To Believe In:
      - All That He Says!
        - Because - Through His Words:
          - He Illuminates The Truth About Everything We Need For Life And Godliness!
      - All That Jesus Says:
        - About God:
          - Is True!
      - All That Jesus Says:
        - About You:
          - Is True!
      - And - All That Jesus Says:
        - About Himself:
          - Is True!
  - Also - To Believe In The Light Of Jesus:
    - Means To Believe In:

- All That He Does!
  - Because - Through His Works:
    - He Illuminates & Confirms / Backs Up His Words!
- And - All That Jesus Says & Does:
  - Are Intimately Connected!
    - You Can't Take Them Or Leave Them As You Chose!
  - **IE:** Thomas Jefferson's Bible - Saw Jesus As A Great Moral Teacher - Took Out His Works & Left His Words! Need Both!
- Also - To Believe In The Light Of Jesus:
  - Means To Believe In:
    - All That He Is!
      - Because - Both His Words & His Works Reveal That He Is:
        - The Very Wisdom Of God In This World!
- And So - This Is The First Response:
  - That You & I Must Have:
    - To The Light Of Jesus!
      - "Believe In The Light!"
        - And - Believe In Jesus:
          - As The Light!
  - Not Only As:
    - The Light Of This World!
      - But As:
        - The Light Of Your Life!
- And That Is Why:
  - Through This Plea:
    - Jesus Once Again Makes His Own:
      - Personal Call & Invitation:
        - To Come To Him To Bring Light Into Your Darkness!
- And So - Here Too:
  - Jesus Tells Us:
- The Need For This Kind Of Belief!
  - It Is So That:
    - 12:36 - "Ye May Be The Children Of Light!
  - This Means That:
    - We Don't Start Out This Way:
      - In Our Lives!
        - Instead - We Are Children Of Sin & Darkness!
  - But - When You Respond To:
    - The Light Of Jesus:
      - By Believing In Him:
        - His Light:
          - From Above You!
            - Becomes A Light:
              - Within You!
      - And - There Is A Special Connection:
        - And Relationship With:
          - God & His Light!
    - This Is Why:
      - In Philippians 2:15 - Paul Tells Us That:
        - We Now - "Shine As Lights In The World!"
    - And Why:
      - In Ephesians 5:8 - He Tells Us That:
        - "For ye were sometimes darkness, but now [are ye] light in the Lord: walk as children of light!"
    - So - To Walk In The Light Of Jesus:
      - You Need To First:
        - Believe In The Light Of Jesus!
      - But - When You Do:

- Then - You Can Learn:
  - To Live In The Light Of Jesus:
    - Who Brings Real Clarity To Confusion!
- But Then - With This Plea:
  - Ringing In Their Ears & Our Ears:
    - “Believe In The Light!”
      - Jesus Reveals Again:
- The Notice For This Kind Of Belief!
  - It’s Another Notice & Warning:
    - Not In What He Says:
      - But In What He Does!
  - Because Then:
    - We Are Told In 12:36:
      - “These things spake Jesus, and departed, and did hide himself from them!”
        - And - In Departing From Them:
          - He Proved His Point!
  - The Point That:
    - 12:35 - “Yet A Little While Is The Light With You!”
      - And So - While They Had His Light:
        - They Needed To Believe In Him & Walk With Him!
          - Before It Was Too Late!

**Conclusion:**

1. And This Is Why:
  - We Too Need To Respond:
    - To Jesus Own Plea & Invitation:
      - To “Believe In The Light” - And Then:
        - To “Walk In The Light!”
    - To Believe In Him - And:
      - To Walk With Him:
        - As The Light Of Our Lives!
          - Every Day & Every Moment!
2. Because - Only Then:
  - Can We Learn To:
    - Live Our Lives:
      - In The Light Of Jesus!
        - Because - Everything Becomes Clearer:
          - In His Light!
    - Think About:
      - All The Things That:
        - Bring Confusion:
          - In Your Life!
      - Like:
        - The Chaos:
          - In This World!
        - The Struggles:
          - In Your Walk!
        - The Difficulties:
          - In God’s Word!
  - 3. The Light Of Jesus:
    - Brings Clarity:
      - To These & So Many Other Issues!
        - But - You Need To:
          - Learn To Live In The Light Of Jesus!
      - And - To Do This:
        - You Must First:
          - Respond To Jesus’ Plea!
            - And “Believe In The Light!”



- Believe In Him As The Light Of Your Life!
  - Have You?
- Then - You Must:
  - Respond To The Purpose Of His Light!
    - And “Walk While Ye Have The Light!”
      - Live & Walk In The Illumination Of The Light He Brings:
        - To Your Life!
        - Are You?
- And Then - Keep:
  - Responding To The Presence Of His Light:
    - By Accepting It & Applying It:
      - In Every Area Of Your Life!
    - There Is No Place In Your Life:
      - Where The Light Of Jesus:
        - Can’t Reach!

\* Learn To Live Your Life In The Light Of Jesus!

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