

Let There Be Light!

I. Chaos is Opportunity. Crisis is the Process!

A. Creative Potential — Transforming Chaos into Image

Gen 1:1 In the **beginning**, God **created** the **heavens** and the **earth**. SLIDE 1

2 The earth was **without form and void**, and **darkness** was over the face of the deep. And the **Spirit of God** was **hovering** over the **face** of the waters.

3 And God said, **“Let there be light,”** and there was light.

4 And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. SLIDE 2

Matter is roughly speaking, congealed **light** (total spectrum).

Even tiny amounts of matter, as congealed or collapsed energy, hold vast amounts of energy. The famous equation of Alfred Einstein captured the equivalence of energy and matter (two forms of the same thing)

$$E=mc^2$$
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Einstein showed that in fact, energy and mass are different forms of the same thing.

Speed of light = 90,000,000,000,000,000 (9x10¹⁶) m/sec.

If the mass (rest energy) penny could be converted entirely to energy, it would provide enough energy to power the New York City metropolitan area for at least two years. (At 100% efficiency)

What could True Light inside us do? Where did LIGHT take creation

Light orders chaos toward the goal —> Image & Likeness

Gen 1:26 Then God **said**, “Let us make man in our **image**, after our **likeness**. And let them have dominion ... over all the earth.” 27

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; **male** and **female** he SLIDE 4 -
briefly

created them.

31 And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was **very good**.

B. Light is the Basis For the New Creation

Wave/particle duality — in the world but not of the world (Jn 17)

John 1:9 [Jesus is] the **true light**, which **gives light to everyone**.

2Cor 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is **a new creation**. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. **SLIDE 5**

C. By Virtue of the New Birth We ARE Light

Eph. 5:8a for at one time you were darkness, but **now you are light in the Lord**. ...

D. Functions of Light

1. Energy allows **change** (photons —> photosynthesis makes life possible) & photography; sun bleaching, sun drying, sun-burning, etc.
2. Makes things **visible** that are otherwise invisible. Makes **vision** possible. Makes plain, exposes.

II. Let Your Light Shine!

A. Light — An **Eternally Renewable Resource**

1. Receiving the Word — Relational; Personal; Triune **SLIDE 6**

John 1:1 In the beginning was **the Word**, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ... **3 All things were made through him**, ... **4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men**. **5 The light shines in the darkness**, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Psa. 119:130 The **unfolding** <entrance> of your **words** gives **light**; it imparts understanding to the simple.

Lk 24.45 Then he **opened** their **minds** to understand the Scriptures,

Not everyone receives...

John 3:19 And this is the judgment: the **light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.** 20 For everyone who does wicked things **hates the light** and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed.

2. Beholding (Focus & Contemplation) Uncreated Love

1John 3:1 See (Behold) **what kind of love** the Father has **given** to us, that we should be called **children of God**; and so **we are**. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2 Beloved, **we are God's children now**, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but **we** SLIDE 7 **know** that when he appears **we shall be** like him, because **we shall see** him as he is. 3 And **everyone** who thus **hopes** in him **purifies himself** as he is pure.

Process: Valuing; Finding Refuge, Feasting; Drinking; Seeing

Psa. 36:7 How **precious** is your steadfast **love**, O God! The children of mankind **take refuge** in the shadow of your wings.

8 They **feast on the abundance** of your house, and you give them **drink from the river** of your **delights**.

9 For with you is the **fountain of life**; **in your light do** SLIDE 8 **we see light**.

3. Thirst DRINK — Be Filled with the Holy Spirit SLIDE 9

John 7:37 On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone **thirsts**, let him **come** to me and **drink**. 38 Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, '**Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water**.'" (Increase our Thirst)

B. Use Wisdom...Don't be Intimidated or Contaminated

Matt. 5:13 "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has SLIDE 10 lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer

good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

YOU ARE — a statement, not a promise.

Salt was a Rabbinic metaphor for **wisdom**. “Lost its taste” is literally, “to make foolish,” connected to the English word, moron.

Salt actually never loses its taste, but, if not protected, kept separate, may become contaminated, or dissolved.

The **WISDOM of God is a GIFT to you**. Needed by the world. Don't contaminate it. Don't dissolve it by immersion.

1. Avoid *Immorality* — *porneia* —> “pornography.” Darkens our heart. *Greed, Vulgarly* CULTIVATE THANKSGIVING

Eph. 5:3 But sexual **immorality** and all **impurity** or **covetousness** must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints.

4 Let there be no **filthiness** nor **foolish talk** nor **crude joking**, which are out of place, but **instead let there be thanksgiving**.

5 For you may be sure of this, that **everyone** who is sexually **immoral** or **impure**, or who is **covetous** (that is, **an idolater**), **has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God**.

2. Don't swallow *Propoganda* — *indoctrination* FEAST ON TRUTH

6 **Let no one deceive you** with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.

3. Don't *Identify* with corrupt people WALK IN LIGHT

7 Therefore **do not become partners with them**;

8 for at one time you were darkness, but **now you are** SLIDE 11
light in the Lord. **Walk as children of light** ...10 ... discern what is pleasing to the Lord.

B. Let Your Light Shine!

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Matt. 5:14 “You are the **light of the world**. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it **gives light to all** in the house. 16 In the same way, **let your light shine before others, so that** they

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may **see** your good works and **give glory** to your Father who is in heaven.

Again, a STATEMENT not a PROMISE.

Purpose — so **that they may see**

so **that they may give glory** to our Father in Heaven!

A Creative Life Giving Impact To encourage you — Life Seeds.

Sowing and multiplying light. Jim Kilmartin weekly 2 trucks in Altoona **VIDEO (1m 17s)** Prayer 90% want prayer. Worship music, Celebration. Cooperation with other ministries. Spreading to the rural areas. Other sources of food.

Don't hide! Find a lightstand — a place to shine.

Let **your** light <it is God's gift IN you> shine before others.

It's practical, it's everyday. God is making his appeal through US!

Light!

Drink it in; Dwell in the Word; Dwell in Love; Freedom

Jn 8:31 "If you **abide in my word**, ..., **32 an** you will **know the truth**, and the **truth** will **set you free.**"

15:11 These things ***I have spoken*** to you, **that my joy may be in you**, and that your joy may be full.

12 "This is my **commandment**, that you **love one another** as I have loved you.

It's all **relational**. You are a walking, talking demonstration

In YOU Shall all the nations of the earth be blessed

*Let your LIGHT shine! Don't be censored! **Boldness***

Rom 15:13 NIV May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may **overflow with hope** by the power of the Holy Spirit.