

Feasting in Light

I. Light — Source of Life & Perception

B. Light — Energy Source for Life

1. True Light, Source of the Source

[John 1:3-4, 9](#) (ESV)

³ All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴ **In him was life, and the life was the light of men.**

⁹ The **true light**, which **gives light to everyone**, was coming into the world.

2. Whoever follows — relational LIGHT

[John 8:12](#) (ESV)

¹² Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “**I am** the light of the world. **Whoever follows me** will not walk in darkness, but **will have the light of life.**”

3. Now BE light

[Ephesians 5:8-11](#) (NIV84)

⁸ For **you were once darkness**, but **now you are light in the Lord.**

Live as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) ¹⁰ and find out what pleases the Lord. ¹¹ Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather **expose** them.

[Matthew 5:14-16](#) (ESV)...

¹⁴ “**You are the light of the world.** A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ... ¹⁶ In the same way, **let your light shine before others**, so that they may see **your good works** and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

II. Living as Lights

A. Carrying His Light — Relational Participation

[1 John 1:3-5](#) (ESV)

³ that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, **so that you too may have fellowship** with us; and indeed our fellowship is **with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.** ⁴ And we are writing these things so that our **joy** may be **complete.**

⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that **God is light**, and in him is no darkness at all.

[1 John 1:6](#) **If we say** we have fellowship with him ***while we walk in darkness***, we lie and do not practice the truth.

⁷ But ***if*** we walk in the light, ***as he is*** in the light, ***we have fellowship with one another***, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸ If we say we have no sin, ***we deceive ourselves***, and the truth is not in us.

⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

¹⁰ If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

B. Much More!

We are invited, even compelled into a great and sumptuous feast the King has prepared for us! It's so extravagant, that it defies improvement.

It is not a summons to human excellence. No, it's far more!

He has richly provided us with everything we need to live supernatural lives.

We are invited to actually **participate in the Divine Nature** and to be totally free from anything rotten or evil!

Being forgiven and made new is splendid. Many sincere and godly believers have spent their lives in humble gratitude for this glorious gift. It is beautiful. But there is so much more. We are meant to be called to ***engage, partake of and be a participant*** in the mystery of His divinity!

The very thought of participation in His Divine Nature takes us light years beyond the entry point into the Kingdom of God, deep into the vaulted treasuries of His richest mercies, to the springs of His overflowing fullness of grace!

Jesus said that eternal life consists of knowing the Father and the Son.

To really know the Father and the Son is an unlimited adventure that carries us places that are beyond all we can ask or imagine!

III. Holy Spirit Life

[A. Source](#)

The Holy Spirit comes to us as a fountain, a river, a wind, a blazing fire, a faithful herald, and as both Teacher and Guide to the endless beauties and matchless creativity of the Father and the Son.

B. Transformed into Light

Filled with fullness and blazing with uncreated energy and love,

we are containers of and distribution outlets for the new creation. This is the true new age which will swallow up the old.

The **regeneration of all things** has begun in the heart of every believer who receives the Gift of Life released to us all through the Cross.

Holy Spirit Fills Emptiness into Fullness

Into the abyss of human depravity the kindness and love of God pours as an endless Niagara Falls of life.

He generously scrubs us clean in ways beyond description. In His saving work, we are immersed in regeneration and renewal.

The **Holy Spirit thoroughly marinates us in the New Creation**, changing our flavor and aroma. The true New Age is unleashed inside us with unrestrained generosity.

The **Holy Spirit delivers the love of God** with unstoppable force, **like a fire hydrant** deep in our hearts.

Rivers of living waters flow from deep within our new heart.

The **Future is continually poured into us**. This glory swallows up our personal dim and shameful past!

Jesus said it Himself, "Behold, I am making all things new!"

This goes beyond making ornery people nice!

Properly understood, "rebirth and renewal" is a redefining of all things, past, present and future! It is real and it's expanding.

For many years, James Daniels, an elderly black gentleman, attended our church. He was a man of few words. No matter what was going on, he would come up and say to me, "Everything's gonna be all right." He believed it and when he said it, I believed it too.

In his last years, he suffered amputations of his lower legs. His words to me never changed. It was true.

He lost his legs to diabetes, but he never lost his joy. He was full of light and optimism to his dying day.

And this is the message and the gospel: Despite the worst efforts of darkness and human cruelty, everything changed at the Cross! Regeneration and renewal shouts from redeemed hearts, “Everything’s gonna be all right!”

In fact, the things He has promised are already done! The promised future already exists. We carry this entire dimension of existence within ourselves in His indwelling presence.

IV. Present/Future Dynamics

[John 14:20](#) (ESV)

In that day you will know that I am in my Father,

and you in me,

and I in you.

This is a revolutionary statement. It reverberates with glories that lie beyond the reach of our three pound human brains feverishly engaged in logic!

Its fullness is outside the realm of reason.

These things are made known by revelation and are meant to be experienced.

Revealing the New Reality is the present work of the Holy Spirit, our Guide into all truth! To fully grasp this takes a lifetime, or more.

Yet, Jesus said we would know it in **that day**.

What day is “that day?” Is it a distant, future, end-of-all-things time when the entire universe is renovated and all is well, “the sweet by and by?”

Or is it **here now**, but still coming?

Jesus defines “that day” as a day of knowledge.

When that day dawns, we will know, really know by insight and experience the reality of the Son both in the Father and in us.

We will **experience** that we are **in** Him.

So, is **that day** present or future?

The answer is “Yes!” It is both. To the degree that we perceive and enter into experience, “that day” dawns within us!

...you will realize that I am in my Father...

A. Union with the Father

This treasure chest of a verse contains three exquisite gems that sparkle with fire. The **first** is that Jesus is **in** the Father. On the surface, this seems pretty basic. We accept it, that somehow He **exists** within the Father.

Truthfully, we don't understand it since it is removed from us by eternity and infinity and all that kind of cosmic stuff. We accept it by faith and are strengthened. Is there more to this?

Is he saying that He **is in** the very **Source of all** things, thus **subject to nothing** else?

Is the union so **complete**, so **without reservation** or limitation, that the proper way to express it is with words that, if fully embraced, can only leave us dumbstruck in wonder? Yes!

Especially if we consider that they were being spoken by a physically diminutive and unimpressive first century Jew who never traveled more than 200 miles from the place of his birth, never owned a house, never wrote a book, or did any of the things that are normally associated with greatness.

As a man, he is stating, "**I am** in the Father," not "I will be in the Father!" There is splendor and hidden glory in these words.

B. We Exist in Union with Him

...and you are in me...

The **second** gem of this "That Day" reality is that we **exist** in Jesus.

The ground of our existence has changed.

It has returned to the original intent.

This is a familiar concept in the writings of the New Testament. Paul's writings are full of this glorious revelation. That we **are** "in Christ" is an enormous matter. If we can totally unpack this in our daily lives, we will be just like Him in just about every way! There is so much!

To the Corinthians, Paul wrote that "in Him" they had been made rich in every way! That just about covers everything doesn't it?

He writes to them that "in Him" every promise God has made finds its "Yes!"

If we are in Him, we are living **in** the uncreated Creator and Ruler of the Universe.

It is **impossible** for God to raise us to a higher realm or position than this!

This, in and of itself is such a great truth that we could spend all of our days exploring and living in its implications and provisions.

The glory of these truths cannot be exaggerated! Paul put it this way,

[2 Corinthians 5:17](#) (NIV84)

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

Can we fully grasp this?

We could put it this way, **“If any man is in Christ, he is (now consists of) New Creation.”**

Our very being has changed!

We are not just **in** the New Creation, New Creation is now what we are!

The New Creation is released in us and we become a type of first fruits of all that is to come! **Kingdom Come** has come.

The Greek term used for “new” is *kainos*. It connotes new in terms of quality, that which has been previously unknown, and is superior to the old as in “new heavens and new earth.”

C. He Exists IN Us

...and I am in you...

The **third** and final gem is that Jesus exists in us.

We not only **exist** in Him, but He **exists** in us!

Simply, because we live in HIM, we are utterly safe and wholly saturated in the continual and wondrous affection of the Father for the Son!

He simultaneously exists in these two realms of reality — in the Father and in the Church as His Body. Truly He is the mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus! There is no separation. God has reconciled all things to Himself in Christ! We cannot be separated from the love of God!

V. Light — Filled with All His Fullness

A. His Body

[Ephesians 1:18–23](#) (ESV)

¹⁸ having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰ that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²² And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

B. Filled with all the Fullness

[Ephesians 3:16-19](#) (ESV)

¹⁶ that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

VI. Impartation