



the *Light* of Life



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- **Christ** (*John 8:12*)
- **The Word of God** (*Psalms 119:105, 130*)
- **God's People** (*Matthew 5:14-16; Ephesians 5:8*)
- **God's Blessing** (*Proverbs 4:18*)

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- **Satan** (*Luke 23:53; Ephesians 6:12*)
- **Sin** (*Matthew 6:22-23; John 3:19-21*)
- **Death** (*Job 3:4-6, 9*)
- **Spiritual Ignorance** (*John 1:5*)
- **Divine Judgment** (*Matthew 8:12*)



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Life- physical and spiritual. All life, throughout the universe, is *derived... it comes from a source*—therefore, it always and only comes from and is sustained by *God's self-existent life*.

The Lord *intimately shares* His gift of life with *people*, creating each in *His image* which gives us the capacity to know His eternal life.

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Attributed to... **Plato** ...428-347 BC Athens, Greece

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The real tragedy of life is when
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Isaiah 5:20-23

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Ephesians 6:10-13

- ¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might.**
- ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.**
- ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.**
- ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.**



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Where are you going to walk?
In the darkness
or
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Ephesians 5:7-9

Therefore, do not become partners with them
(the sons of disobedience v.6) ;

for at one time you were darkness
but now you are light in the Lord.

Walk as children of light,
for the fruit of light is found in all that is
good and right and true.

