



Death vs Life Choices

The Gospel of John

- Because Jesus is God, we no longer have to live in _____.

18 "There is no judgment against anyone who believes in him. But anyone who does not believe in him has already been judged for not believing in God's one and only Son. 19 And the judgment is based on this fact: God's light came into the world, but people loved the darkness more than the light, for their actions were evil. 20 All who do evil hate the light and refuse to go near it for fear their sins will be exposed. John 3:18-20 (NLT)

The LORD went ahead of them. He guided them during the day with a pillar of cloud, and he provided light at night with a pillar of fire. This allowed them to travel by day or by night. Exodus 13:21

I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life. John 8:12

When Jesus says He is the light of the world, it means:

- Jesus came to be _____.

...an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. "Joseph, son of David," the angel said, "do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit. And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All of this occurred to fulfill the Lord's message through his prophet: "Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means 'God is with us.'" Matthew 1:20-23
"The Lord is my light and my salvation." Psalm 27:1

In Him (Jesus) was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. John 1:4-5

- Jesus has come to _____ and _____ us from the power of darkness.

He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of His beloved Son. Colossians 1:13

Going under the water was a burial of your old life; coming up out of it was a resurrection, God raising you from the dead as he did Christ. When you were stuck in your old sin-dead life, you were incapable of responding to God. God brought you alive—right along with Christ! Think of it! All sins forgiven, the slate wiped clean, that old arrest warrant canceled and nailed to Christ's cross. He stripped all the spiritual tyrants in the universe of their sham authority at the Cross and marched them naked through the streets. Colossians 2:13-15 (MSG)

We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin. Romans 6:6-7

The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. 2 Corinthians 4:4

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Ephesians 6:12

- Jesus has come to provide _____ for how to live.

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. Psalm 119:105

...If you follow me, you won't have to walk in darkness... John 8:12

"Whoever claims to live in Him must live as Jesus did." — 1 John 2:6

In the past you were full of darkness, but now you are full of light in the Lord. So live like children who belong to the light. 9 Light brings every kind of goodness, right living, and truth. 10 Try to learn what pleases the Lord.

Ephesians 5:8-10

Let your light shine before others. Matthew 5:16

And this is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you: God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with Him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. 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. 1 John 1:5-7

What it means to live in the light:

- We live in the light by _____ daily to Jesus.
John 15:5
- We live in the light by _____ what Jesus leads us to do.
- We live in the light when we allow _____ to shape our perception of others.
- We live in the light by _____ in the darkness.
Matthew 5:14-16

The Lord is my light and my salvation— so why should I be afraid?... Psalm 27:1



TO CREATIVELY LOVE AND LEAD PEOPLE IN A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.

Questions that can be used in Connection Groups:

These questions also work well for personal time with God.

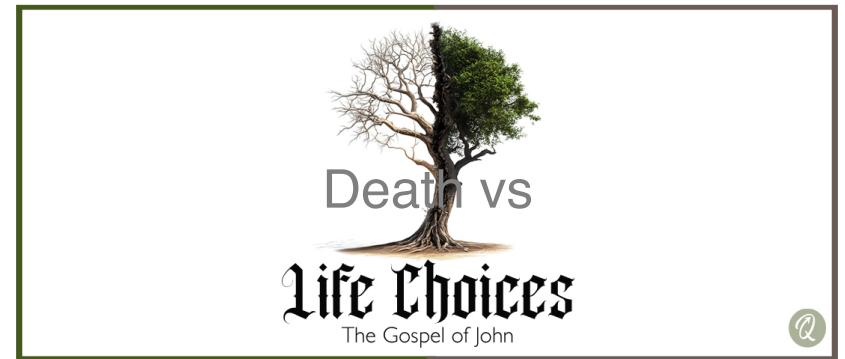
- What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Explain.
- What does it mean to you personally that Jesus is the "Light of the world" (John 8:12)?
- How is Jesus different from other sources of "light" or guidance in life?
- In what ways does Jesus' light reveal areas of darkness in our own hearts?
- Why is the ability to choose life through Jesus so significant?
- What are some examples in your life where choosing Jesus brought clarity or freedom?
- How have you personally experienced freedom from "powers of darkness" through Christ?
- In what ways can we guard against the influence of darkness in our thoughts, relationships, and decisions?
- What does it look like in practical terms to walk in the light daily?
- How can we cultivate habits that keep us close to the Light (Jesus)?
- Share a time when walking in the light brought clarity in a confusing situation.
- How has Jesus provided direction in your life that your own wisdom could not?
- How does walking in the light change the way we see and treat others?
- What does it mean to extend grace before judgment in your daily life?
- How can you reflect the light of Jesus in environments that feel dark or hopeless?
- What is one practical step you can take this week to shine the light of Jesus into someone else's life?

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Today's Talk..



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