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## 6 Ways “Light” Is Used in a Spiritual Sense

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Light is referred to in a spiritual sense in at least 6 ways:

### 1. As **IDENTIFICATION** (It Marks or Characterizes)

#### OF GOD

- God is light (1 John 1:5)
- I am the light of the world (John 8:12)
- who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom [be] honor and everlasting power. Amen. (1 Tim 6:16)
- Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning. (James 1:17)
- There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever. (Rev 22:5)

#### OF GOD'S PEOPLE (Believers)

- You are the light of the world. A City that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. (Matt 5:14)
- You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of the darkness. (1 Thes 5:5)

### 2. As **INFORMATION** (Revelation; Truth)

- Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! (Is 5:20)
- In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. (John 1:4-5)
- That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world. (John 1:9)
- And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.
- For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God. (John 3:19-21)
- While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light. These things Jesus spoke, and departed, and was hidden from them. (John 12:36)
- I have come [as] a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness. (John 12:46)
- But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. (Eph 5:13)

### 3. As **SALVATION**

- 'to open their eyes, [in order] to turn [them] from darkness to light, and [from] the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.' (Acts 26:18)
- For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to [give] the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. (2 Cor 4:6)
- giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. (Col 1:12)
- But you [are] a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; (1 Pet 2:9)

### 4. As **SANCTIFICATION** (Spiritual Growth & Conduct)

- The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. (Rom 13:12)
- For you were once darkness, but now [you are] light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), (Eph 5:8-9 – “Spirit” is phos in NU)
- But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. (1 John 1:17)
- He who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him. (1 John 2:10)

### 5. As **SEPARATION** (Holiness)

- Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? (2 Cor 6:14)

### 6. As **PROCLAMATION** (Evangelism)

- Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. (Matt 5:16)
- "that the Christ would suffer, that He would be the first to rise from the dead, and would proclaim light to the [Jewish] people and to the Gentiles." (Acts 26:23)