



Light of the World
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John 8:12-59, p. 894
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Introduction

In this passage God explains how Jesus is the Light of the World, and what this Light does to the Christian.

The Text: John 8:12-59

1) Jesus is the Light of the World, our cosmic savior who alone redeems us (vv. 12-30).

The Seven “I Am” Statements:

- (1) “I am the Bread of Life” (6:35) → *Jesus is our most basic need who alone can satisfy us.*
- (2) “I am the Light of the World (8:12) → *Jesus is our cosmic savior who alone can redeem us.*
- (3) “I am the Door of the Sheep” (10:7) →
- (4) “I am the Good Shepherd” (10:11) →
- (5) “I am the Resurrection and the Life” (11:25) →
- (6) “I am the Way and the Truth and the Life” (14:6) →
- (7) “I am the True Vine” (15:1) →

2) Two symptoms of a true faith in Christ is “freedom” and “adoption” (vv. 31-59).

a) True conversion provides freedom under the gracious reign of God (vv. 31-38)

What does freedom look like?

- (1) *A growing awareness of sin.*
- (2) *A greater hate of sin.*
- (3) *A grace-based response to sin (not legalism – the fruit of freedom!).*

b) True conversion provides adoption into the gracious family of God (vv. 39-59)

What does adoption look like?

- (1) *A growing trust in the goodness and reign of the Father.*
- (2) *A greater desire to do the will of the Father.*
- (3) *A grace-based response of obedience (not legalism – the fruit of love!).*

Response

Jesus Christ says, “I AM,” and the Christian responds with the claim, “Yes, you are!”

Sunday Text Questions for John 8:12-59

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- 1) Starter Question: What are symptoms in the life of a person that suggest they truly are Christian?
- 2) Read the text aloud and discuss together any significant observations or issues needing clarification.
- 3) Based upon what Jesus says in v. 14 (“where I came from and where I am going”), how are the doctrines of the incarnation and the ascension important for understanding Jesus’ mission and authority?
- 4) What does v. 24 teach about the reality of our sin and our need to believe in Christ?
- 5) Jesus teaches us in v. 31 that true disciples will “abide in my word.” What does that look like?
- 6) Jesus explains in vv. 32-36 that Christians are truly free. Based upon these verses, what kind of freedom does God give to the Christian?
- 7) Do vv. 39-47 imply that every person is either a child of the Father (Christians) or a child of the devil? What is the difference between such children?
- 8) How was Abraham, according to v. 56, able to “see” the day of Jesus? Does Hebrews 11:10 give us insight into Jesus’ words?
- 9) In the context of vv. 56-59, what major claim does Jesus make about himself in v. 58, and how does that explain the reaction of the religious leaders in v. 59?
- 10) What *truths to believe* or *actions to obey* does this passage of Scripture teach us?

Further study this week: 2 Corinthians 2 on the light of the gospel (Mon); Romans 3 on the power of sin (Tues); Romans 6 on slaves to sin/righteousness (Wed); Hebrews 11 on OT believers looking to Christ (Thurs); Exodus 3 on Jesus as the “I Am” (Fri).