

## YAHSHUA, THE LIGHT OF MANKIND

(John 1:1-17)

In Yahshua was life, and the Life was the Light of men (verse 4). When Paul was on his way to persecute the Believers, Yahshua came to him in a Light that flashed from heaven. That Light penetrated Paul's inmost being and changed the direction of his life from persecutor to persecuted. At that moment he asked the question, "Who are You Lord"? The Lord Yahshua answered, I AM Yahshua, Whom you are persecuting (Acts 9:1-6).

Yahshua's Light penetrated not only Paul's physical eyes; it penetrated also his soul – mind, will and emotion, where the source of his hatred against the Believers, dwelled. Here the words spoken by Yahshua in that penetrating Light, illuminated all the darkness in him and opened his spiritual eyes to realize his spiritual condition, as it happened to the Prophet Isaiah, in his vision of God.

Yes, Paul had experienced the shining of that Light and in the impact of the brilliance and splendor that came from the source- Yahshua salvation was offered him; the seed of life was planted in him and the gift of the Holy Spirit was given as the Light who would stay in his spirit, guiding, teaching, illuminating his understanding, comforting, counseling and convicting him. Paul then asks the second question, "Lord, what do You desire me to do"? Powerless, blind and spiritual broken, he submitted himself to the complete control of Yahshua to follow Him with the same zeal he had for Judaism, if not greater, to become one of the greatest preachers of all times. Based on this experience, later he told Timothy, Yahshua only has immortality and lives in **unapproachable light** Whom no man has ever seen or can see ( I Timothy 6:16).

Many years before Yahshua came, Isaiah prophesied of Him, The people who walked in darkness have seen a great **Light**; those who dwelt in the land of intense darkness and the shadow of death, upon them has the **Light** shined (Isaiah 9:2). When Yahshua came, in those days Israel was a subject of and was ruled by Rome, a country whose god among many was the Emperor. Those people had seen the Light, yes, the Light that came from the author of life, and life giver. The Light of Yahshua, when penetrates our soul, is like the light of dawn that shines brighter and brighter like the sun when completes its rotation around the earth completing the day. When Yahshua saves us, His Spirit-His gift to us, is the Light that shines His holiness bringing us to perfection and spiritual maturity through sanctification. No longer will we walk in darkness, but we will walk in the Light of His understanding; no longer blind, but seeing; no longer dead but alive in Him Who is life giver. Yahshua is the radiance of Whom God is. He radiates all that God represents: Love, peace, longsuffering, mercy, faithfulness, loving kindness, forgiveness, holiness, patience, and more. He radiated love and forgiveness through His death on the cross; when He radiated love, He radiated God, for He is Love, as John said in one of his letters. Love in us, compels us to actions that count to eternity. Actions without Love are useless and empty of reward, as Paul describes in details in the first letter to the Corinthians chapter thirteenth. Yahshua is the essence of life where love dwells. We are the recipient of this Love and guided by Him, we radiate Him by loving one another in any way that is fit to accomplish the calling He gave us, love one another.

Yahshua is also the Word – the Word of God, the lamp to our feet to guide every step taken and He is the Light that illuminates our way (Psalm 119:105); His Word is the source of Light that illuminates the understanding of the simple (Psalm 199:130).

When Yahshua partook Light to us, we became alive in Him. He said, I am the light of the world, He who follows Me will not be walking in the dark, **but will have the Light which is life.** Paul confirmed these words to the Thessalonians, For you are sons of light and sons of the day; we do not belong either to the night or to darkness (1 Thessalonians 5:5a). Indeed, His light shines in our spirit, which in turn shines on the soul, reaching the emotion, will and the intellect or the mind. When our inmost being is lightened by this Light, our cry should be the same as the Prophet Isaiah, who seeing the Lord in His glorious splendor, saw his spiritual condition cried, Woe is me! For I am undone and ruined, because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips, for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts! Cleansing came to Isaiah, and cleansing will come to all who repent of their sins.

Out of His fullness we have Light in ever growing splendor, ever so bright, as we allow His Holy Spirit to continue shining the Light into the darkness of our soul, where strongholds and sins of iniquity have their homes. Darkness cannot overpower the Light, unless we reject the Light and choose to continue in darkness. The Jewish nation rejected the Light- their Messiah and remained in the darkness of their unbelief. John, the Baptist, said of Yahshua, Out of His fullness we have received one grace after another. What is the meaning of grace? It is the unmerited love and favor of God toward man; divine influence acting in man to make him pure and morally strong (Webster dictionary). Out of His fullness we have received spiritual blessing upon spiritual blessing, as we read in the letter of Paul to the Ephesians chapter one which reads, May blessings be to the God and Father of our Lord Yahshua Messiah Who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heaven realm: **(1)** He chose us before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless in His sight **(2)** He destined us to be adopted as His own children **(3)** In Him we have redemption and the forgiveness of sins **(4)** He has made known to us the mystery of His will **(5)** In Him we obtained an inheritance **(6)** in Him we were stamped with the seal of the Holy Spirit, guaranteeing of our inheritance, our full redemption **(7)** He raised us together with Christ and made us sit down together in the heavenly sphere (Ephesians 1; 2:6). Out of His fullness we also received favor upon favor and gift upon gift. Favor, according to Webster's dictionary means friendly, kind regard; approval and liking.

Yahshua gave us life and light; No longer are we condemned neither do we walk in darkness, for we have now the Light which is Life in Him.

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