

1 John Series

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1. Light translates the Hebrew, 'or; the Greek *phos*, both meaning light, brilliance, brightness, illumination, also sunlight, daylight, torchlight, firelight. These are used metaphorically for a number of things including: **life, justice, righteousness, judgment, the glory of God, truth, divine revelation.**

**2. Light is used as a metaphor for kingdom of God and the plan of God in contrast to darkness which is used as a metaphor for the kingdom of Satan, carnality, sin, and evil.**

**Prov. 2:13, “From those who leave the paths of uprightness, to walk in the ways of darkness;”**

**Prov. 4:19, “The way of the wicked is like darkness; They do not know over what they stumble.”**

**Acts 26:18, “to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the dominion of Satan to God, in order that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me.”**



**Col. 1:13, “For He delivered us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son,”**

**3. Light is frequently a metaphor for God's essence.**

# ESSENCE OF GOD

**Sovereign**

**Omniscience**

**Righteousness**

**Omnipresent**

**Justice**

**Omnipotent**

**Love**

**Veracity**

**Eternal Life**

**Immutability**

Psa. 104:2,

**“Covering Thyself with light as with a  
cloak,  
Stretching out heaven like a tent  
curtain.”**

**Ex. 13:21, “And the LORD was going before them in a pillar of cloud by day to lead them on the way, and in a pillar of fire by night to give them light, that they might travel by day and by night.”**

**Hab. 3:4, “His radiance is like the  
sunlight; He has rays flashing from  
His hand, and there is the hiding of  
His power.”**

**Psa. 4:6, “Many are saying, ‘Who will show us any good?’ Lift up the light of Thy countenance upon us, O LORD!”**

**Psa. 44:3, “For by their own sword they did not possess the land; And their own arm did not save them; But Thy right hand, and Thine arm, and the light of Thy presence, For Thou didst favor them.”**



**Psa. 89:15, “How blessed are the people who know the joyful sound! O LORD, they walk in the light of Thy countenance.”**

**4. Light in reference to its brightness and white purity is used as an illustration of the righteousness of God.**

**Job 30:26, “When I expected good,  
then evil came; When I waited for  
light, then darkness came.”**

**Isa. 5:20, “Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness; Who substitute bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!”**

**Isa. 58:8, “Then your light will break out like the dawn, and your recovery will speedily spring forth; And your righteousness will go before you; The glory of the LORD will be your rear guard.”**

**Mic. 7:9, “I will bear the indignation of the LORD because I have sinned against Him, until He pleads my case and executes justice for me. He will bring me out to the light, and I will see His righteousness.”**

**5. Light in its piercing quality, illuminating and revealing what is in the darkness, is a metaphor for the justice of God.**

**6. The absence of light, darkness, indicates the presence of divine judgment, the condemnation of God for the violation of His righteous standard.**



**Amos 5:18, “Alas, you who are longing for the day of the LORD, for what purpose will the day of the LORD be to you? It will be darkness and not light;”**

**Amos 5:20, “Will not the day of the LORD be darkness instead of light, even gloom with no brightness in it?”**

**7. The presence of light often refers to the Veracity of God; His eternal truth.**

**Psa. 43:3, “O send out Thy light and Thy truth, let them lead me; Let them bring me to Thy holy hill, and to Thy dwelling places.”**

**Psa. 36:9, “In Thy light, we see light.”**

**8. Specifically, light then describes more specifically the facets or components of God's Integrity: His righteousness, justice, and truth.**

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Sovereign

Omniscience

Righteousness

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Justice

Consistent

Love

Eternal

**Righteousness**

**Love**

**Justice**

**Truth**

## **12. Conclusion.**

- a. Light and darkness are mutually exclusive and incompatible.**
- b. This means there can be no compromise between the plan of God for the Church Age believer and the strategy of Satan for ruling this world through the thought forms of the cosmic system.**
- c. Since they are mutually exclusive man is operating in either one or the other.**

- d. The believer inside the kosmic system is the enemy of God, James 4:4; the enemy of the cross, Phil. 3:18; an antichrist, 1 John 2:18.**
- e. Nevertheless, though the believer is eternally secure and cannot lose his salvation, but will lose rewards, destroy his spiritual advantage, and experience shame at the judgment seat of Christ, 1 John**
- f. The believer is therefore in a continuous battle between darkness and light, sin nature vs. Holy Spirit, self-centered arrogance and humility toward God.**