

**BLINDED BY  
THE LIGHT  
John 8:12-20**



# Jesus, “I am the Light of the World

The three groups of people in this story

Christ Himself

Christ’s followers

Christ Haters

Followers of Jesus walk in the light and have  
the light of life

I. Our Internal Condition - confidence

Like the Israelites following the Pillar of  
Cloud/Fire

No Fear, no confusion, no stumbling, just  
following

# I. Our Internal Condition - confidence

The way is illuminated

Life makes sense

Medical science can add years to your life; only

Jesus can add life to your years

People without Christ are disoriented and  
confuse

## I. Our Internal Condition - confidence

Dr. Albert Szent-Gyorgyi, Nobel Laureate in Medicine and Physiology, in reply to being asked what he would do if he were 20 today:

"I would share with my classmate's rejection of the whole world as it is—all of it.

# I. Our Internal Condition - confidence

Is there any point in studying and work?  
Fornication—at least that is something good.  
What else is there to do? Fornicate and take  
drugs against this terrible strain of idiots who  
govern the world."

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## II. External Behavior

Walk in the Spirit (Galatians 5:16)

Walk in love (Ephesians 5:2)

Do not walk after the flesh, but according to the  
Spirit (Romans 8:1)

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Do not walk in darkness, but walk in the light  
(Ephesians 5:8)

Our behavior changes when we come to Christ  
Former behavior is replaced with God-honoring  
lifestyle



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### III. Spiritual Influence

We have the light of life

It doesn't just come to you; you are a shaft of  
light

You reflect the greater light (like the moon  
reflects the glory of the sun)

### III. Spiritual Influence

As long as Jesus was in the world He was the light of the world. When He is with the Father, believers are the light of the world

(John 9:5; Matthew 5:14)

We are called to be light (Ephesians 5:8)

### III. Spiritual Influence

Our influence can be staggering  
Instead of complaining about darkness,  
we need to shine the light

## IV. Eternal Destiny

If you follow and reflect glory now, you will  
shine and be celebrated forever

(Daniel 12:3; Matthew 13:43)

Be a life that light shines through

## Christ Haters—The Light Rejecters

When Jesus is loved, received, and followed, He becomes light to you; When He is hated, rejected, and spurned He becomes darkness to you

Like the Pillar of Cloud/Fire (Exodus 14:20)

## IV. Eternal Destiny

R. Kent Hughes:

"Hugh Hefner was raised in a minister's home.  
Joseph Stalin studied for the priesthood.  
Mao Tse-tung was raised under missionary  
teaching."

## IV. Eternal Destiny

Light of Jesus becomes darkness to those who  
hate Him

Not everyone likes the light of Christ Shining  
(John 3:20)

## IV. Eternal Destiny

People hate the light because the light reveals  
what darkness conceals - flaws

We must shed light in a manner as wise as  
serpents, as harmless as doves

(Matthew 10:16)