

McCoy Memorial Baptist Church

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Title: "The Greatest Light"

Text: John 8:12

#### INTRODUCTION:

1. There are 7 "titles of Christ" found throughout the Gospel of John. Each introd. by "I AM". My message today is based on one of them; namely, John 8:12 - "I am the light of the world."
2. The setting of Jn. 8:12 is the Feast of Tabernacles (the Fall of A.D. 29 ... six months before Jesus' Crucifixion).

**IT IS A \_\_\_\_\_ CLAIM: "I am the light . . ."**

The light is not something *distinct* or *separate* from Jesus!

1. Jesus did not \_\_\_\_\_ the light with him.
2. Jesus did not \_\_\_\_\_ to the light (cp. John the Baptist)
3. Jesus did not \_\_\_\_\_ the light.
4. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ the light! "I am the light of the world." Our role? It is also true that "God is light" (1 Jn. 1:5).
  - A. To \_\_\_\_\_ the light (cp. 1:6-9).
  - B. To \_\_\_\_\_ the light (cp. Mt. 7:14-15; 1 Pet. 2:9-12).  
As Jesus' followers reflect the light that comes from him, they too are "the light of the world" (Matt. 5:14; Phil. 2:15).

**IT IS A \_\_\_\_\_ CLAIM: "I am the light of the world"**

1. One of the three things God is said to be: "God is light" (1 Jn. 1:5).
2. Jesus announced his \_\_\_\_\_.
3. A bold claim which stirred up quite a controversy. See Jn. 8:13-59.

**IT IS A \_\_\_\_\_ CLAIM: "The light of the world"**

The "light" of Jesus is made available to everyone without distinction!

1. God is love (1 John 4:8).
2. We're all \_\_\_\_\_ (cp. Rom. 3:9-24).

IT IS A \_\_\_\_\_ CLAIM: "I am the light of the world"

1. Jesus is "the light", not merely "a light" (another light among other lights. He is the \_\_\_\_\_ light.
2. Jesus is "the true light" (1:9) for the world. He is the genuine (real) light as opposed to that which is fake or phony.
3. This presents \_\_\_\_\_ for Christians (cp. John 14:6).

IT IS A \_\_\_\_\_ CLAIM: "the light of the world"

Note the association between the world and the darkness in this verse. "The world" is a place characterized by darkness. *Darkness covers . . .*

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ (Rom. 8:18-25)
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of this planet (Eph. 2:1-3)
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of this planet; namely, \_\_\_\_\_.

IT IS A \_\_\_\_\_ CLAIM: "Whoever follows me."

What does it mean to follow Jesus?

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ for salvation is to believe on Him.
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of true salvation is to \_\_\_\_\_ Him.

IT IS A \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ CLAIM

"Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

1. The light of \_\_\_\_\_ life. See 2 Cor. 5:1.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ throughout this life. See Psa. 119:105.

PERSONAL CHALLENGE:

1. Friend, are you walking in darkness, groping for a way out? Look to Christ, *the Savior of (the light of) the world.*
2. Believer \_\_\_\_\_! Satan disguises himself as an angel of light (see 2 Cor. 11:13-15).
3. Believer, is your light \_\_\_\_\_ before men?