

DCCYC day 2 Devotional
Seeing God Rightly
Read 1 John 1:5 - 2:2

God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

In this passage John, the beloved disciple of Jesus, is telling us who God is. He says that God is Light. Notice He did not say that God is *a light* – He is light, meaning that light is essential to His nature. Having a right relationship with God means that we relate rightly to who He is. It also means we need to deal with our darkness rightly, because “in Him is no darkness at all.” If we do not rightly and honestly deal with our darkness, how can we have a real relationship with God who is light, and in Him is no darkness at all?

Light expresses so many Biblical Truths about who God is and why we need God. As we consider these two verses over the next two mornings, let us consider three things about light that helps us to relate to God rightly.

First, light helps us see rightly and clearly. Intellectually, Light refers to knowledge. Light describes God’s self-revelation. Light describes God giving us knowledge of who He is. However, the opposite is true. Darkness means ignorance or error. Darkness means not knowing God or having a false understanding of who God is. That is why light, in Scripture, is used to describe Truth. Are you still in the dark about who God is? Or has God, who said, “**Let light shine out of darkness, shone in your hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ**”? (2 Corinthians 4:6 ESV)

Second, light helps people walk. We are called to walk in the light, because light doesn’t just help people to see, light enables people to walk according to it. Having light does not mean just knowing the truth, but *living out* the truth. We are not only to know truth, but to do it. Light shines a moral element into our life. That is why light is used for purity and righteousness, and darkness describes the opposite—sin, wickedness, evil, unrighteousness. Are you walking according to the light?

Finally, light exposes darkness. Light does not just show us what is right—light exposes what is wrong. Light exposes darkness, unrighteousness, sin—it brings awareness of what isn’t right within us. John writes that “**everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed**” (John 3:20). God, who is Light, invites us to live in the light, having our lives exposed. Having our hidden flaws and sins exposed. We will look at what to do with our sins tomorrow. This morning, honestly ask yourself this: are there any wicked thoughts or activities in your life you need to expose and bring to the light?

He already knows what’s in the darkness, but is inviting you to be with Him in His light. Spend some time being honest with God in prayer.