

Defeating Darkness: We Shall Overcome

JN 1:9-14; LK 1:77-79; EPH 5:8-11; COL 1:10-14; 1PET2:9-10

INTRODUCTION:

The days are getting darker

✪ Especially during “the holidays”, we _____ the LORD with all our soul.



① JN 1:9-14 → The true light that gives light to everyone came into the world to _____ God’s glory on us.

- A. Those who _____ that Jesus is God in flesh, he identifies as “God’s children”. (vv10-12)
- B. Jesus shines God’s glory on all of us; that glory is “full of _____ and truth.” (v14)

② LK 1:77-79 → The shining of God’s glory on us dramatically _____ our quality of life.

- A. We have received salvation, through the _____ of our sins. (v77)
- B. We no longer have to ‘live’ in _____ and under the threat of death. (v79)

③ EPH 5:8-11 → Living in the light, we have new significance and _____.

- A. The _____ of being exposed by the light of the gospel is goodness, righteousness, and truth. (v9)
- B. We now seek to please our Savior as a reasonable act of _____. (v10; ROM 12:1-2)
- C. We now _____ for everything that has been given to us through Jesus Christ. (v20)

④ COL 1:10-14 → and, We have been _____ to have a share in an eternal inheritance.

- A. We have already been _____ from the domain of darkness into the kingdom of the Son. (v13)
- B. We continuously give joyful _____ to our Father who has made us his holy people. (v12)

⑤ 1PET 2:9-10 → so that, We now _____ the excellencies of Jesus, who called us out of darkness.

- A. We are now “God’s people” because of his _____. (vv9-10)
- B. We cannot be _____ for the sake of those still in darkness. (v9)

CONCLUSION: Death and darkness are _____ by the power of the true light, Jesus.