

WHO TURNED OUT THE LIGHT?

Have you ever tried to describe the color **blue** to a person who has been blind from birth? It can be quite frustrating, as you attempt to communicate the sight of a clear sky or waves billowing on the ocean sea, for the one listening to your imagery is incapable of beholding the beauty you describe. A blind person simply cannot see.



The same situation is encountered when a Christian shares the Gospel of Jesus Christ with an unbeliever.

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. - 2 Corinthians 4:3-4

The problem is that the "god of this age" (satan) has blinded unbelievers so that they cannot see the beauty of Christ. The glory of Christ is radiant and magnificent but we are all born spiritually blind and incapable of beholding His splendor.



How can blindness be cured? Certainly, no blind person can heal his own eyes. Likewise, no spiritually blind person can bring spiritual Light into his own heart and mind. Only treatment from the Great Physician can bring sight to the eyes of one born blind. If a person is to experience the glory and beauty of Jesus Christ, God must make him see.

For God, who said, "Light shall shine out of darkness," is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. — 2 Corinthians 4:6

In a super-natural miracle of grace, God gives Light to the spiritual eyes of His people. This "Light" is knowledge, an experiential knowledge that comprehends the wonder of the gospel and the supreme satisfaction found in Jesus. It is not mere intellectual understanding of facts but an intimate passion and belief in the Person of Christ.

So what does a person see when God shines into his heart? When a person receives God's Light, he sees the wretchedness of his own soul, the filth of his own sin, and his need for a Savior. He also sees, for the first time, the unmatched beauty of Jesus and finds in Him an all-satisfying treasure. He sees that Jesus is the eternal Son of God who lived a perfect and sinless life, died on the cross for the sins of His people, rose from the dead three days later, and ascended into heaven. Finally, he sees that he must repent of sin and trust Jesus alone to be saved from the hell he deserves and to be transferred into the Kingdom of God's magnificent Light.



Have you been given eyes to see? If you have seen the depravity of your own soul in the Light of the holiness of Christ, repent of your sin and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ! For only those who repent and believe will live with Christ in His Heavenly Kingdom to behold His beauty forever.



These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. - 1 John 5:13

This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. - John 17:3