

Darkness Versus Light ... A Timeline!

God

Son of God

Redemption and the light of life ...

Creation then darkness and the shadow of death ...

GOD CREATES THE EARTH ...

- God created the Earth, created humans and gave us the Earth and his friendship to enjoy.

(Genesis 1:1) In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

(Genesis 1:26-28 GW) Then God said, "Let us make humans in our image, in our likeness. Let them rule the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the domestic animals all over the earth, and all the animals that crawl on the earth." 27 So God created humans in his image. In the image of God he created them. He created them male and female. 28 God blessed them and said, "Be fertile, increase in number, fill the earth, and be its master. Rule the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that crawl on the earth."

DARKNESS & DEATH ...

- Humans rebelled against God and decided to live as they pleased.

(Genesis 3:4-5) Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. 5 For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

(Genesis 3:22) Then the Lord God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever."

(Romans 5:12) Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned.

DARKNESS & DEATH LINGER ...

- But Isaiah prophesies of a great light.

(Isaiah 9:2) The people who walked in darkness Have seen a great light; Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, Upon them a light has shined.

(Matthew 4:12-16) Now when Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, He departed to Galilee. 13 And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali, 14 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: 15 "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles: 16 The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, And upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has dawned."

GOD COMES TO THE EARTH AS A HUMAN ...

- Jesus announces that he is the Light.

(John 8:12) Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

(John 12:46) I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness.

(John 1:14) And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

(John 14:8-9) Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." 9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been so long with you, and yet you have not come to know Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

BELIEVERS ARE TO BE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD ...

- We have been called out of the darkness to be light for the world.

(Matthew 5:14) You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.

(1 Thessalonians 5:5) You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness.

(1 Peter 2:9) But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

TODAY ...

- We who once were darkness are to walk in the light.

(Ephesians 5:8-14 ERV) In the past you were full of darkness, but now you are full of light in the Lord. So live like children who belong to the light.

(Ephesians 5:13-14 GW) Light exposes the true character of everything 14 because light makes everything easy to see. That's why it says: "Wake up, sleeper! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

(Romans 13:11-12 NCV) Do this because we live in an important time. It is now time for you to wake up from your sleep, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. 12 The "night" is almost finished, and the "day" is almost here. So we should stop doing things that belong to darkness and take up the weapons used for fighting in the light.

In the beginning ...

Early earth history ...

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