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I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

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According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.

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John 8: 12. Then spake Jesus unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. 13. The Pharisees therefore said unto him, Thou bearest record of thyself; thy record is not true. 14. Jesus answered and said unto them, Though I bear record of myself, yet my record is true: for I know whence I came, and whither I go; but ye cannot tell whence I come, and whither I go.

In the day that Jesus made this statement, the world and everybody in it was walking around in darkness. The few words that Jesus spoke revealed their darkness when He said, "For I know from whence I come and whither I go." When a person or persons is standing in total darkness, he cannot see behind him the route by which he arrived at the place where he was, neither can he see any route ahead of him to take him to the place where he might desire to go. All he can do is stumble around in the darkness that he was in, with no real hope of finding the road where he wants to go.

When a man is walking down the road of life, in order for him to be in the light, he needs to at all times, know the answer to the big, three-fold question, "Who am I? Where did I come from?" and, "Where am I going?" In other words, he needs to know his true identity, where he came from and where he is going. Even today, if someone is found wandering around in the streets by the authorities, and they cannot answer without hesitation these questions, "Who are you, where did you come from, and where are you going?" The authorities immediately assume that they are mentally ill, in other words they are walking in mental darkness, and immediately they take them away to a place where those whom the authorities of this world decide are walking in mental darkness can be treated.

It is easy to see, when one can see clearly the pattern of what is written in the Scriptures, that this was the condition of the peoples of the world in the day that Jesus stood in the

midst of it and said, "I am the light of the world." All the peoples of the world had lost sight of their true identity. The Pharisees thought that they were Pharisees, the Sadducees thought they were Sadducees, the Romans thought they were Romans, the Greeks thought they were Greeks, the Assyrians thought they were Assyrians and so on and on and on. Each group of peoples could not trace their genealogy back beyond the day when their ancestors began to be called Romans or Greeks or Pharisees. It never occurred to them that they were all descendants of the one God. For the fallen angels who belong to that great army of fallen spirits who followed Lucifer, working from the invisible realm, had filled their minds with the idea that the heavens were filled with many gods.

For had it even occurred to them that their original descent was from a god who dwelt above this earthly plane, they would not have been able to decide which one of the gods they believed in was the one from whom they had descended. Even the Jews and Pharisees, to whom Jesus spoke, who believed in only one God, traced their genealogy only back as far as Abraham, and had no conception of God as their Father, but continually called Abraham their father, and thought of God only as some great master being that dwelt in the heavens, and rewarded them with material things when they obeyed Him, and punished them horribly when they did not.

The idea that they originally descended from God, and that God was their Father, was so foreign to them that when Jesus dared proclaim Himself to be the Son of God, and God His Father; they sought to kill Him for it. So none of them had even the first part of the answer to the big, threefold question, "Who am I, where did I come from and where am I going?" Because they did not know where they came from and could not trace themselves back to their original source, certainly then, they did not know the second part of the question, "Who am I," or, "What is my true identity?" And so, for one period of time they considered themselves to be

Pharisees. Then if the Sadducees happened to convince a Pharisee that there was no resurrection from the dead, and they were turned to the Sadducees way of thinking, they would call themselves Sadducees. Some of the Greeks who became proselytes to the Jewish faith would cease to call themselves Greeks and call themselves Jews. A Jew who happened to be born in Rome was considered a Roman citizen and was torn between whether he wanted to be fully Jew or fully Roman.

So every individual in the world, except Jesus, was in confusion about what his true identity was, and therefore they were not able to truthfully answer for themselves the second part of the big, threefold question, "Who am I?" Certainly, because they could not know for sure where they came from and who they were, it was impossible for them to know the answer to the third part of the big, three-fold question, "Where am I going, and what is my ultimate destiny?"

In the midst of this confusion, Jesus stepped out into the world and proclaimed to all men that He was the light by which they all could see the route to the place that they all longed to go, which is most certainly eternal life, eternal peace and eternal happiness. The Pharisees, who were the church members of Jesus' day, wanted to present to them the idea that they and their church system had the answers, but did not actually have the courage to come right out and say so, challenged Jesus. The challenge was on the basis that Jesus bore testimony of Himself. Therefore they said, "Thy record is not true, Thou bearest testimony of Thyself." Because in times past God had borne witness to the testimony of Moses and the prophets through outward signs and miracles from outside themselves, the Pharisees had fallen into the line of thinking that this was the only sure sign that one's testimony to the way of life was true. They did not understand that in the timetable of God's divine plan, the hour of Sonship had arrived, and that God's purpose for the Son of God was that the confirmation of His testimony

would come from within His own being, not from signs and miracles outside Himself, and that the highest confirmation that His testimony was true, would be the life that He lived. Thus Jesus, speaking of Sons of God in this New Testament age said, "By their fruits ye shall know them," not "by their signs ye shall know them," but, "by their fruits ye shall know them."

We have the same sad situation in the world today. Thousands and thousands of Christians walking in the Pentecostal realm, who will drive a thousand miles to see a sign or wonder or a miracle, and who will not drive around the corner to hear the testimony of those who are moving in the true Sonship move of God, because they are not majoring on signs, wonders and miracles, but are seeking to come to such a pure walk in the Spirit of God, that the confirmation of their testimony is the life that they live.

Therefore, the Pharisees said to Jesus, "thy record is not true, because thou bearest witness of thyself." Jesus calmly answered them, "I know my record is true, even though I bear witness of myself." Then He explained to them why He knew that He was the Light of the world. It was because He had the answer to the big, three-fold question, that all men are seeking the answer to, He said, "I know from whence I come, and whither I am going and therefore I know who I am, I know my true identity." You see, because when Jesus was born, the seed by which He was birthed did not come from a natural man's loins but from the Spirit of God; therefore, He was not born with a fallen nature that was so spiritually dead in trespasses and sins that it could not contact God through the Spirit, and bypass all the confusion that was in the world and receive from the Spirit of revelation, the revelation of the true source from which mankind had come. But because He was born of the Spirit of God, from the time of His birth He was in contact with the Spirit of revelation, that from the time He was born, progressively began revealing to Him that He was not descended from the first Adam, that He was

not born of a natural man, with a fallen, natural, dead nature: but that He had been born of the Spirit of God, and that therefore God was His Father, not Joseph, not Abraham, and not anyone on this earth. Since this was true, He knew that He came out from God. He knew from whence He came, and that God was His Father. Therefore, He knew who He was, that He was the Son of God, that He was not a Jew, or a Roman, or a Pharisee or a Sadducees.

The Spirit of revelation had lifted Him up above all the illusion and confusion and false names that the spirit of Babylon had concocted in the world, to confuse men as to their true identity, and He knew by the Spirit of revelation that He came out from God, therefore God was His Father, that He was His Son. He also knew by the Spirit of revelation that He was sent into the world to walk out a pattern of seven steps of overcoming, by which He and all that followed after Him could get back into that perfect union with God that He had before He came down into this world, and that men had before the fall. Therefore, He knew from whence He came, who He was and where He was going, and therefore He could calmly proclaim, without fear of contradiction, "I am the light of the world. He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

Today, the people of this world are walking around in the same darkness that they did in Jesus' day, and even more so. Today we no longer have Pharisees and Sadducees. The spirit of Babylon, the master-spirit of confusion, has concocted new names with which to divide up and cut up humanity, and even God's people, and therefore fill them with confusion as to their true identity. So, today, instead of Pharisees and Sadducees we have Baptists and Methodists and Episcopalians, Presbyterians, Assemblies of God, and more than a hundred other Babylonish names with which the spirit of Babylon, the master-spirit of confusion, has divided up even the Body of Christ into a hodgepodge of sects and schisms, so that none of the members of the various sects

know their true identity. So that if any true Spirit ministry preaches to them that Christ is not a bunch of individual Christians, each with a little individual Spirit of Christ in him, but He is one many-membered Body, with one Spirit permeating and threading through every member of that Body; the whole idea is foreign to them and they think they are listening to a false prophet. Today, we no longer have Philistines and Amorites and Jebusites and Hittites, but the master-spirit of confusion, that has divided up the nations and pigeon-holed them into their various slots with the Babylonish names that he has concocted, has exchanged the names he used in old times, and now they are called Frenchmen and Americans and Africans and Mexicans; and even in the Body of Christ, we have French Christians and African Christians and American Christians, and British Christians, and Hebrew Christians. The biggest joke of the universe is that, when a Jew gets converted to Christ today, like Peter of old, he is yet so bound to his Judaistic ancestry that he is not aware that he has had a new birth, and become a completely new creature, old things have passed away and all things have become new. He is no longer a Jew, in any sense of the term, but he is a blood bought, born-again Son of God; a new creature in Christ Jesus. But because he does not know his true identity, he no longer is a Jew, but he becomes a "Hebrew Christian" if you please. He is so bound by the master-spirit of confusion that he is not aware that there is no such thing as a "Hebrew Christian." Either you are a Hebrew, or you are a born-again Son of God, but it is impossible to be both.

In the midst of all this confusion, the peoples of the world today are still running about, seeking the answer to the big, three-fold question, "Who am I, where did I come from and where am I going?" Everyone is seeking their true identity. Everyone is seeking an anchor that they can tie to and just about the time they think they have found one, someone comes along with a new idea; and they discover that they have tied up to a piece of driftwood which is not connected

to an original source, but itself is only drifting about in a sea of confusion.

Thousands and thousands of young people, from the high school level on up, have suddenly become conscious that they did not have the answer to the big, three-fold question, "Who am I, where did I come from, where am I going, or, what am I here for?" They have left their homes and wandered about aimlessly; seeking, searching for their true identity. They have gone down deadly paths searching for it, trying to find it through the use of drugs; yielding themselves up to deceiving spirits. Appealing to the lusts that were already in their flesh, have led them down false trails that led to sex orgies, drug addiction and Eastern Oriental religious philosophies, that if they have not destroyed their young lives, have left scars upon them that will take many, many years to heal.

I read in the paper that the Indians in our country are being torn between whether they want to be an Indian or an American. The government has instituted a program to seek to Americanize them. The Indians want to cling to their Indian culture. Both the government and the Indians are in such darkness that God cannot reveal to them the great truth that they are neither Indians or Americans, but fallen descendants of the first Adam, in bondage to the master-spirit of confusion, and their only hope is to look to Jesus; whereby they might be born again, and cease to be Indians or Americans, and become Sons of God.

Homosexuals do not know their true identity. They cannot decide whether they want to be men or women. Men born with the body of a man have the urges and the inclinations of a woman, and women vice versa. Both have no idea where their inclinations and urges come from, and are unaware that they are instilled into them by spirits of lust, that began working in them when they were children. Therefore, they are being torn apart, trying to discover their true identity; whether they are a woman or a man.

Negroes can not decide whether they want to be Negroes, or Africans, or Americans. They are not aware that they are neither, but only fallen descendants of the first Adam in a world of Babylonish confusion, and their only hope is to turn to Jesus and get born-again, and become what man was created to be, Sons of God. So the Jews think they are Jews, the Negroes think they are Negroes, the Baptist think they are Baptists, the Methodists think they are Methodists, the Presbyterians and Episcopalians think they are Presbyterians, Episcopalians, the homosexual women think they are men, and the homosexual men think they are women, the French think they are Frenchmen, the British think they are Englishmen, and the Americans think they are Americans, and the Mexicans think they are Mexicans. So the scope and range of the confusion that the spirit of Babylon has brought into the world cannot possibly be fully unveiled in this article, but it is sufficient to say that all are stumbling around in darkness; seeking the answer to the big, three fold question, "Who am I, where did I come from, and where am I going?"

In the midst of all this confusion, in the end-time move of God there are some Sons of God, and the author of this article is one of them, who are being prepared to step out into the world and proclaim, "I am the Light of the world."

Pharisaical Church members of the sects and schisms today and their ministers, who desire to present to the world the idea that they have the answers, but do not have the Spiritual courage to just plainly proclaim it, will challenge them as they challenged Jesus, and they will say, "Your witness is not true, because you bear record of yourself." They will accuse us of boasting, of pride, or exaltation. They will say, "Who do you think you are, to proclaim that you have the answers?" For we live in a day when the so-called wise ones of the world are proclaiming that everything is relative, and there are no absolutes, there are no certain answers; because they are led by the master-spirit of confusion, who is determined to keep the world moving in

circles so that they never find the road to Life. Therefore, anyone who dares to rise up in the anointing of God, and speaking by the Spirit of God proclaim that there are answers and the Spirit of revelation has revealed them to them, will be accused of pride, boasting, exaltation, etc.

In the face of all this, the author of this article is one of those who is not afraid to step into the world and proclaim, "I am the Light of the world, and he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the Light of Life." I do not by any means mean that as an individual I am the only light of the world, but as a part of the restored, five-fold, plural, Spirit-ministry, through whom the Spirit of Christ is speaking today, just as He spoke to the Pharisees long ago; I am neither afraid nor ashamed to simply state, "I am the Light of the world." And like Jesus long ago, the reason I can say it without fear of contradiction, or of being wrong, is because I, too, have the answer to the three-fold question, "Who am I, where did I come from and where am I going?"

Like Jesus, as He spoke to the Pharisees long ago, the reason I am the Light of the world and the reason my record is true is because I know from whence I come and whither I go, therefore I know who I am. For I have had a new birth and in that new birth, like Jesus, I was not born of a natural seed that came from a natural man's loins, but I was born of the Spirit of the Living God, and the seed came from Father-God Himself, His Word. Therefore, I was not born with a dead, fallen nature that could not contact the Spirit of revelation from God, but from the day of my birth in the Spirit, I have had the Spirit of revelation by which God could communicate to me, and reveal to me from whence I come; that I was born of His Spirit and came out of Him, therefore God is my Father and I am His Son.

I am not a Baptist or a Methodist or a Presbyterian or Episcopalian or a Frenchman or an American, or a Pentecostal or a Catholic or a Jew. I am a Son of God. The same Spirit of revelation that showed me through my new birth that I have descended from God and that I am a Son of

God, has also shown me that God's plan for me is to walk out seven steps of overcoming, following Jesus Christ, the pattern Son; by which I shall not only be restored back to that union with God that Adam had before the fall, but go on to that higher union with the Father that Jesus has now, since His resurrection; into the incorruptible life that God put man here on the earth to go into in the first place, enunciated by Jesus, when He says in Revelation 3: "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne; even as I have overcome and am set down with my Father in his throne." And so, I know from whence I came, who I am, and where I am going, the answer to the big, three-fold question.

I am not a member of the Jones family, of the Fife family, or of the Brown family, or of the Smith family, or the French family or the British family, or of the American family; I am a member of the family of God. God is my Father, the Body of Christ is my mother and all of its members are my brothers and sisters. So I know my true identity. I have found by the Spirit of revelation, the answer which is the road to Life, and therefore I have the perfect right to proclaim to all who are in darkness, "I am the Light, follow me, and you shall no longer have to walk in darkness, but you shall have the light of Life." And if the Spirit of God has not revealed to you, by the Spirit of revelation, who you are, where you have come from and where you are going, then follow me until through following me the Spirit of revelation can reveal it to you. Then you will no longer need to follow me, but we will walk together into that glorious Life that God has ordained for us.

I have a full and certain answer as to the route man took by which he wound up in such confusion. Long ago, after Adam and Eve, our first ancestors, turned away from the leadership of God's Spirit and submitted themselves to Lucifer, the prince of devils, they degenerated from the nature of the Spiritual being that God had created them, into the fallen beast nature that man now has. In doing so, they lost the revelation of their true source and their minds

became darkened, so that those who were born from them were born with darkened minds, minds that could be deceived into thinking that they were Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians, homosexuals, Frenchmen, Americans, Englishmen, and all the other thousands of Babylonish names that the spirit of Babylon and confusion have concocted. They were born with darkened minds that could be convinced that the natural father and mother that they were born from in their first physical birth were their true and only father and mother, instead of just the type, the natural type of the true. So Satan had broken man's connection with the only true source from which he could receive revelation as to where he had come from, who he was and where he was going; the Spirit of revelation which is the Spirit of God.

Therefore Father God sent Jesus His Son into this world, born of the Spirit of God and therefore by passing the fallen nature, and therefore in a position to receive from the Spirit of revelation a real revelation of where He came from and how to get back there, and be the pattern to lead all men back into their true family, to their true Father and their true destiny. Adam was the link by which all men were separated from their true Father God, and their true family. Jesus is the link through and in which all who accept Him and are born again of His Spirit, are brought back to their true Father and into their true family.

Thousands and thousands of young people today, realizing that their natural father and mother, who are so busy striving to attain a position in this world system to satisfy the lusts of their flesh for its pleasures, never fulfill the function of a true father and mother to them, have left their homes and gone out into the world as wandering young spirits seeking their true identity, their true family and their true Father. It is these whose hearts are crying out for the certain sound of a certain trumpet. The Bible says, if the trumpet sounds an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself for battle. It is they who are waiting for the Sons of God to step out into the

world, who have the answer and proclaim, "I am the Light, follow me, and you shall no longer walk in darkness, but shall have the Light of Life." Through that Sons-of-God ministry, they will find their true Mother, the Body of Christ; they will find their true Father, God, through that ministry through whom He is speaking; and they will find their true family, the family of God, made up of all their brothers and sisters in Christ. Just because their natural mothers and fathers failed them, they must not go on as wandering individuals, disenchanted with family life; for it was not family life that failed, it was the natural parents, the pattern and example of true family life. For it was when the devil destroyed family life back in the beginning that the curse of death came upon the earth. He first separated Adam and Eve from God, then separated Cain and Abel from one another; and step by step he destroyed the divine pattern of family life that God has set before us.

When true family life is restored, then death will be overcome, and Eternal Life will come into being, for family life is Life. It only waits until we come to the true family life, and that true family life will come when end-time Sons of God, who, by the Spirit of revelation have found the answer to the big, three-fold question, "Who am I, where did I come from and where am I going?" Step out into the world and proclaim, "I am the Light of the world. Follow me, and ye shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the Light of Life."