

Dear Friend,

Jesus opened the eyes of a man born blind from his mother's womb. Nobody could dispute that it was the work of God. Jesus said,

Joh 9:4-5 I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. (5) As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

Why was Jesus the light of the world? Because He had the "light of life within Him." During His lifetime, Jesus was the only human on earth with the "light of life" within Him. All other humans were spiritually dead, descendants of the dead species of Adam. Jesus spoke prophetically when He said concerning future believers;

Mat 5:14 Ye are the light of the world.

Those that would follow Jesus all the way into the new birth would also have the same light of life within them:

Joh 8:12 Then spake Jesus again 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.

The apostle Paul makes this abundantly clear in his epistle to the Roman believers:

Rom 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

Those who have been born again have been quickened from death to life by the spirit of life in Christ Jesus. The Father, by His Holy Spirit, has quickened us with the very same spirit of life that He quickened Jesus with.

I was meditating on John 9:4 where Jesus said there was a "night coming when no man can work." He was speaking of the works of God, because He had just opened the eyes of a man who was born blind. There was a night coming when no man can do those kinds of works. Was He speaking of the time of the tribulation? What exactly did He mean?

I was just meditating and praying softly in the Spirit, as is often my custom, when I had a short teaching vision within me. I was looking at the earth from outer space. It was night and there was only a single dot of light. It was coming from the nation of Israel, and somehow, I knew it represented Jesus when He had His own physical body on earth. I could see the light move as He journeyed from village to village, casting out devils and healing the sick. I remembered the verse that says,

Mat 4:16 The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up.

In all the world, out of the billions of people who lived on planet earth at the time, there was

only one light shining. It was the light of life in Christ Jesus. Through that single light, the Father was able to "do the works" of healing all manner of diseases and casting out devils. Jesus authorized His disciples to go forth in His name to cast out devils and heal the sick, but He remained the only human vessel with the light of life within Him at that time. There was still only one light on planet earth during His earthly sojourn.

But night was coming. A night that had not a single light. A night when no man could work. What was that night?

Suddenly, I saw Jesus on the cross. He was the spotless Lamb of God, but He was also the serpent on the pole ... representing all the sin of mankind. It was the innocent suffering the penalty of the guilty. He was so beaten and bloody He hardly looked like a man anymore. He was struggling to breathe, each breath more painful than the last, and then He breathed His final breath, and His body went limp. Jesus of Nazareth was dead. The light went out. The earth trembled at that moment. The veil of the temple was torn in two from the top to the bottom, the earth quaked, and the rocks split apart.

If looking upon the earth from outer space again, I would not have seen a single light on planet earth any longer. It was total darkness. The light had gone out. Night had come. No man could work.

Thank God that is not the end of the story. Three days later, on resurrection Sunday, the day we celebrate as Easter now ... Jesus was quickened to new life. If viewing from outer space, the single dot of life suddenly appeared again. Jesus rose from the dead and told Mary to tell the good news to the disciples. Jesus then appeared to the disciples. Jesus appeared to over five hundred people. The word began to spread far and wide.

Suddenly I was watching from outer space again. Look! Now there are two dots of light. Wait ... now there are three, and then four, and then dozens, and then so many more than I could count. Then I heard the words of the apostle Paul again saying,

1Th 5:5 Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.

God is repopulating the earth with children of light. God is light. We are the children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. Through the resurrection, God is birthing multitudes of people by His Spirit as they hear and believe the gospel. The resurrection of Christ is the beginning of a whole new species of human.

Gal 3:26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.

The Bible tells us that one day there will be a new heaven and a new earth. Why is God waiting to create it? He is trying to save as many people as He can from the dead species of Adam and cause them to be born again through the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Jas 5:7 Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience

for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.

The apostle Peter bears witness also,

2Pe 3:9-13 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. (10) But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. (11) Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, (12) Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? (13) Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

During this present time, we are the Lord's witnesses on earth. More than that, we are the vessels of light through whom the Lord Himself can work. Jesus told us not to hide our light under a bushel, but to go forth and be salt and light in this world.

Mat 5:13-16 Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. (14) Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. (15) Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. (16) Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Easter celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Easter celebrates our Genesis, the beginning of a new species of human on earth, whose Adam is Christ, and whose Father is God.

Your fellow servant for Christ,

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