

Light and Darkness

Introduction: 1 Peter 2:9-1

Every person is either in the darkness or the light. There is no twilight zone.
Where are you?

I. Darkness

Isaiah 59:1-2

Sin separates us from God.

In order for a person to have a relationship with God the wall must be broken down; sin must be forgiven.

The point in time sin is forgiven is the point in time a person is saved.

Romans 3:23-25

Who has sinned? Everyone!

Who is further away from God, a person who sins a little or a person who sins a lot? All are equal, all lost. Therefore a good moral life does not save you. You cannot earn your salvation by good deeds.

Faith in the blood of Jesus saves you (v. 25).

What is Sin?

Galatians 5:19-21; 2 Timothy 3:1-5 (sins of commission)

These lists are not exhaustive, but they cover the basics.

James 4:17 (sins of omission)

(Luke 7:36-47) Get in touch with sin; write "sin list."

Romans 6:23

What is the eternal consequence of sin?

II. Light

John 3:1-7 – Born again (v. 3), born of water and spirit (v. 5), born again (v. 7).

Personal decision as an adult

Acts 2:22-24 What message must one believe to be in the light (to be saved)?

Jesus is from God (v. 22).

Jesus raised physically from the dead (v. 24).

Everyone is responsible for the crucifixion of Christ (v. 23). All have sinned (Romans 3:23).

Acts 2:37 Response of people

Cut to the heart

What shall we do?

Acts 2:38-42 Once the people believed, what did they do?

Repent (Greek = change of mind/change of man)

Be baptized (Greek = to be immersed).

Sin forgiven. Therefore this is the point in time a person is saved.

Holy Spirit given to each who responded so that they may have the power to live as God commands.

Romans 6:1-4 Baptism

Baptism is the sharing (a participation) in the death, burial and resurrection of Christ. (More than just a symbol.)

Conclusion

DARKNESS

Sin
Separates from God
Born Again
Of Water and Spirit
John 3:6
Romans 3:26
Faith in the Blood of
Jesus Saves Us

LIGHT

Acts 2:38
Sin is Forgiven
Acts 2:38
Water = Baptism
Spirit = Received at Baptism
Jesus shed his blood when he died. In
baptism we share by faith in the death,
burial and resurrection of Jesus. Thus we
contact the blood in baptism, we are
forgiven of our sins, and we are SAVED!

If you have any questions about "The Sinner's Prayer," please read an enlightening article by Steve Staten. You can find it here: <http://chitowndisciples.com/2011/03/02/the-sinners-prayer-steve-staten>, or by just searching for the "The Sinner's Prayer" and "Steve Staten."

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