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John 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.*”

Tomorrow, December 11, is a special day as far as the seasons are concerned. For the past 10 days the sun has been setting at 4:25 p.m. Tomorrow the sun sets one minute later, at 4:26 p.m. The sun is still rising later each morning until December 22 at which time the day becomes longer.

It’s nice to know that beginning tomorrow we will have a little bit more light at the end of the day. This will continue until summer when our days are longest and we have the most light. Almost everyone I talk to likes the long days of summer. We look forward to those long and warm days. There is a comfort found in the light we all enjoy.

The light we all need to be looking for is Jesus. He said in John 8:12 that He is the light of the world. He is the one who provides the light that guides us to eternal life.

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There is so much about light in the Bible. There are 235 verses of the King James Version that mention “light.” The first and last chapters of the Bible both talk about light. In Genesis 1:3 God said, “*Let there be light : and there was light.*” In Revelation 22:5 we are told in Heaven we need not the light of the sun, “. . . *for the LORD God giveth them light.*”

In our physical world, light gives life. Plants could not survive without light, and as a result, neither would we. Even more so, we cannot survive without the glorious light of the Gospel. One who is blind cannot see light. Paul wrote of spiritual blindness in II Corinthians 4:4, “*In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.*”

None of us would purposely blind ourselves or always keep ourselves in physical darkness. But people are letting themselves become spiritually blind. The god of this world, which is referring to Satan, is blinding people. He is keeping them from seeing the glorious light of the gospel. He knows that if people see the gospel and the glory of eternal life awaiting the saved, that people will turn to the LORD. He doesn’t want people to see this, so he blinds them.

People do not have to let Satan blind them. They can resist him. We are told in James 4:7-8a, “*Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*”⁸ *Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you.*”

I look forward to the days getting longer and the sun setting later. Even though the sun is setting one minute later tomorrow night, I probably won’t notice the difference for a couple of weeks. But I know that the long days and more light is coming. We all enjoy the long, light-filled days of warm weather. How much more we need to enjoy and bask in the light of the glorious gospel of Christ.

—Marty Edwards❖

News

—Continue to remember **Jewell Watkins, Jean Coffey, Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton, and Brad Terry.** **Elaine Quigley** is having trouble with a ruptured disk. **Lillian Riffle** has been quite sick this past week with the flu.

Chelsee Crabtree was hospitalized several days with a weakened heart, some congestive heart failure, and high blood pressure. She is much better now and is home.

—We extend our sympathies to the family of **Sharee Philpott.** She was the niece of Linda Terry & Elaine Quigley. She has been to services here in the past. She was 30. Funeral services are this afternoon at 1 pm at Sego Funeral home.

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Psalms 119:105, *“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.”*

We all from time to time need to walk in a dark place. It might be through the house at night or perhaps out in the yard. Without some light, it’s very easy to trip and fall. A walk through darkness is made so much easier if we have some source of light. It might be a flashlight or the light from our cell phone. We need some source of light to guide us.

We are walking in a very dark world. Sin is on every side and draws ever near us with each passing day. We need a light to guide us through this darkness. The psalmist in the above verse told us what the light is that guides us.

The word of God is a lamp for our feet and a light for our path. Note that such a light shining around our feet would not illuminate a vast amount of area. We don’t need everything illuminated. We need to see the immediate area around our feet to make sure we do not trip or fall.

The gospel doesn’t show us everything to come in life, but it does show us how to walk in such a way to avoid sin and falling. It shows us the path to eternal life.

—Marty Edwards❖

Sunday, December 3, 2017		
Classes	27	I Timothy 4:10-13
Preaching	27	Jeremiah 1
Contribution	\$774.00	
Evening	15	Psalms 75:1-10
Wednesday, December 6, 2017		
Classes	9	Revelation 3:1-13

Dec 3 (AM) Visitors— Herbert & Betty Franklin (Edmonton, KY); Buelah Baker (Hammonsville, KY); Rhonda Powell (Adrian, Michigan); Jose Gonzales, Dominique ZseDenny & Nathaniel Caldwell (Munfordville)

Bible Quiz

What will be written upon those who overcome?

Last Week’s Answer— The morning star (Revelation 2:28)

Revelation 21:23, *“And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.”*

—God’s Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)