



THE LIGHT  
OF THE  
WORLD

WHOEVER FOLLOWS ME  
WILL NEVER WALK IN DARKNESS  
BUT WILL HAVE THE LIGHT OF LIFE

JOHN 8:12

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## **TEXT JOHN 8:12-51**

**ALL SCRIPTURE REFERENCES IS FROM THE  
ESV UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED  
THE BACKDROP OF THIS ADDRESS IS THE  
FEAST OF BOOTHS [TABERNACLES]  
DURING THIS FEAST THEY LIT CANDLES  
[TO COMMEMORATE THE PILLAR OF  
FIRE THAT PROVIDED LIGHTGUIDANCE TO  
ISRAEL IN THE WLDERNESS (EX.13:21)  
AND DREW / Poured WATER  
ON THE LAST DAY THERE WAS NEITHER**

## **John 3:3 ESV**

**3 Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."**

- ***WALKING IN SPIRITUAL DARKNESS***  
***(Vs12-20)***
- ***LIVING IN SPIRITUAL DEATH (Vs21-30)***
- ***HELD IN SPIRITUAL BONDAGE {Vs31-36}***
- ***SPIRITUAL ORPHANS (Vs37-51)***

## **John 8:12-20 ESV**

**12 Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." 13 So the Pharisees said to him, "You are bearing witness about yourself; your testimony is not true." 14 Jesus answered, "Even if I do bear witness about myself, my testimony is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going, but you do not know**

**where I come from or where I am going.  
15 You judge according to the flesh; I  
judge no one. 16 Yet even if I do judge,  
my judgment is true, for it is not I alone  
who judge, but I and the Father who sent  
me. 17 In your Law it is written that the  
testimony of two men is true. 18 I am the  
one who bears witness about myself, and  
the Father who sent me bears witness  
about me."**

**19 They said to him therefore, "Where is your Father?" Jesus answered, "You know neither me nor my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also."**

**20 These words he spoke in the treasury, as he taught in the temple; but no one arrested him, because his hour had not yet come.**

**THE REASON YOU DO NOT  
UNDERSTAND ME IS BECAUSE  
YOU WALK IN DARKNESS, NOT  
JUST PHYSICAL BUT SPIRITUAL  
DARKNESS**

**THEY NEED HIM TO WALK IN  
THE LIGHT**

# LIVING IN SPIRITUAL DEATH

**John 8:21-30 ESV**

**21 So he said to them again, "I am going away, and you will seek me, and you will die in your sin. Where I am going, you cannot come." 22 So the Jews said, "Will he kill himself, since he says, 'Where I am going, you cannot come'?" 23 He said to them, "You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world.**



**24 I told you that you would die in your sins, for unless you believe that I am he you will die in your sins." 25 So they said to him, "Who are you?" Jesus said to them, "Just what I have been telling you from the beginning. 26 I have much to say about you and much to judge, but he who sent me is true, and I declare to the world what I have heard from him." 27 They did not understand that he had been speaking to them about the Father.**

**28 So Jesus said to them, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he, and that I do nothing on my own authority, but speak just as the Father taught me. 29 And he who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to him." 30 As he was saying these things, many believed in him.**

**YOU HAVE THE TRAPPINGS BUT YOU ARE DEAD**

# **HELD IN SPIRITUAL BONDAGE**

**John 8:31-36 ESV**

**31 So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, 32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." 33 They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?**

**34 Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly,**

**I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. 35 The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. 36 So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.**

**BECAUSE YOU SIN YOU BECOME SLAVES TO  
SIN**

**THEREFORE, YOU ARE BEING HELD IN  
SPIRITUAL BONDAGE**

**FREEDOM COMES FROM GOD THE THEIR  
PROFESSION IS SUPERFICIAL;**

**PERSEVERANCE DISTINGUISHES THOSE TRULY  
BORN OF GOD [JN 15:2:6; I Jn2:19; ACTS 8:13;  
19-23]**

**WESLEY WROTE OF THIS CONDITION”**

**FAST BOUND IN SIN AND NATURE’S NIGHT”**

# **SPIRITUAL ORPHANS**

**John 8:37-51 ESV**

**37 I know that you are offspring of Abraham; yet you seek to kill me because my word finds no place in you. 38 I speak of what I have seen with my Father, and you do what you have heard from your father."**

**39 They answered him, "Abraham is our father." Jesus said to them, "If you were Abraham's children, you would be doing**

**what Abraham did, 40 but now you seek to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. This is not what Abraham did. 41 You are doing what your father did." They said to him, "We were not born of sexual immorality. We have one Father—even God." 42 Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and I am here. I came not of my own accord, but he sent me.**

**43 Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear my word. 44 You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and has nothing to do with the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies. 45 But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me.**



**46 Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? 47 Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God."**

**48 The Jews answered him, "Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?" 49 Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me.**

**50 Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge.**

**51 Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death."**

**THEY CANNOT SAY ABBA FATHER**

**John 8:39-54 ESV**

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**52 The Jews said to him, "Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, 'If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste**

**death.'** 53 Are you greater than our **father** Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?"