



~ Thought For The Day ~

~gathering from the 4 winds~

“come just as you are”

Refresh, Restore, Rebuild = Healing



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Prayer

God Father; in Jesus' name I ask it, Thank You, God, for loving me so much that You gave up Your only Son, so that if I believe in Him, I will not perish, but I will have everlasting life. I know that You did not send Your Son to condemn me, but that I might find salvation and be made safe and sound through Him. I pray that You will increase and I will decrease more and more. Help me, God, to worship You in spirit and in truth. I know that Your truth will set me free. Lord change me, mold me, shape me, and make me to be the best I can be in You. Keep each of us and bless us all, in Jesus' name.
Amen.

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Scripture

1 John 1 (2005)

1 John 1:1-10 (KJV)

- ¹That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life;
- ²(For the life was manifested, and we have seen *it*, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)
- ³That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship *is* with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.
- ⁴And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.
- ⁵This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.
- ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:
- ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.
- ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

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1 John 1:1–4. The Incarnation

God became flesh, in human form. John calls Jesus "the Son of God" 21 times in this letter, and he speaks of God as the Father 12 times. Thus the deity of Jesus and the Father-Son relationship between God and Jesus are a special emphasis of this letter. John was Jesus' most intimate earthly friend. For three years John accompanied Jesus on His journeys through Palestine, ministering to Him day and night as Jesus performed His mighty miracles. At the Last Supper, John "was reclining next to him" as Jesus talked of His approaching crucifixion (John 13:23). To John, Jesus was no phantom or dream or mere vision. He was a real person, the embodiment of Life—eternal life (1 John 1:2). John wrote this letter so that others might share his feeling of fellowship, companionship, and joy, in Christ and in the Father and with one another (vv. 3–4).

1 John 1:5–10. God Is Light

That is the way John's Gospel also starts: the Word of God is the light of men (John 1:1 , 4). Jesus Himself said, "I am the light of the world" (John 8:12). Light stands for God's realm of truth, righteousness, purity, joy, ineffable glory. Darkness stands for this world of error, evil, ignorance, and wickedness—the realm of the lost. In a more real and literal sense, light may be an attribute of God beyond the understanding of human eyes.

- God "wraps Himself in light" (Psalm 104:2).
- God "lives in unapproachable light" (1 Timothy 6:16).
- "Father of the heavenly lights" is one of God's names (James 1:17).
- Jesus' clothes, at His transfiguration, became dazzling white (Mark 9:3).
- The angel at Jesus' resurrection was dressed "white as snow" (Matthew 28:3).
- The two who stood beside Jesus at His ascension were in white (Acts 1:10).
- In the vision in Revelation 1:14–16 , Jesus' head and hair were "white as snow." (See further on Revelation 3:4 Revelation 3:1–6 .)
(Halley's Bible Handbook; Henry Halley; 2000; History of Bible & commentaries; Zondervan; pages 884-885)



V1 Christ was with God from the beginning (Micah 5:2). The Hebrew word for "everlasting" means beyond the vanishing point. "Looked upon" means gazed steadfastly upon. V2 John makes a strong declaration of the eternity of Jesus Christ. V3 "Fellowship" in Greek is koinonia, variously translated oneness, in common, communion. Jesus came to bring us into koinonia with God. V4 The first reason John gives for writing this epistle is that our joy may be full (John 15:11, 16:24). Happiness is a variable, related to our circumstances. Joy in the Lord is a constant, based on the relationship we have as His children. V5 John describes God as light in a philosophical and moral sense. He is completely pure, with no trace of darkness (John 3:19). Light exposes and dispels darkness (John 1:9). V7 The blood of Jesus Christ is continually cleansing us from all sin. V8 The word "sin" refers to man's sinful nature, which is dominated by the body's needs and appetites. We have to struggle to keep our carnal nature under control of the Spirit (1 Corinthians 9:27). V10 Romans 3:23.

(New Testament Study Guide; The Word For Today; 2005; Chuck Smith; commentaries; page 180)



Notice in 1 John 1:9 that we are told if we will confess our sins to God, He will "continuously" cleanse us. I believe this is the spiritual parallel to the way our physical blood continuously cleanses our body. Our blood works for us all the time to keep us cleansed of all poison, and the blood of Jesus works all the time, continuously cleansing us from sin in all its forms and manifestations (see 1 John 1:7). There is power in the shed blood of Jesus Christ! You and I are continually cleansed, not just every once in awhile, but frequently and continuously. The Bible states that there is only one requirement on our part: we must freely admit that we have sinned and confess our sins. Be quick to repent. Do not try to hide anything from God. He will never reject you. He knows everything anyway, but repentance releases the power of His blood on your behalf and makes it effective in your life. Confess your sins and allow the blood of Jesus to cleanse you on a regular basis.

John 1:1-51 (KJV)

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² The same was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴ In him was life; and the life was the light of men. ⁵ And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. ⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all *men* through him might believe. ⁸ He was not that Light, but *was sent* to bear witness of that Light. ⁹ *That* was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. ¹¹ He came unto his own, and his own received him not. ¹² But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, *even* to them that believe on his name: ¹³ Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴ And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me. ¹⁶ And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace. ¹⁷ For the law was given by Moses, *but* grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared *him*. ¹⁹ And this is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou? ²⁰ And he confessed, and denied not; but confessed, I am not the Christ. ²¹ And they asked him, What then? Art thou Elias? And he saith, I am not. Art thou that prophet? And he answered, No. ²² Then said they unto him, Who art thou? that we may give an answer to them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself? ²³ He said, I *am* the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Esaias. ²⁴ And they which were sent were of the Pharisees. ²⁵ And they asked him, and said unto him, Why baptizest thou then, if thou be not that Christ, nor Elias, neither that prophet? ²⁶ John answered them, saying, I baptize with water: but there standeth one among you, whom ye know not; ²⁷ He it is, who coming after me is preferred before me, whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose. ²⁸ These things were done in Bethabara beyond Jordan, where John was baptizing. ²⁹ The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. ³⁰ This is he of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is preferred before me: for he was before me. ³¹ And I knew him not: but that he should be made manifest to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water. ³² And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him. ³³ And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost. ³⁴ And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God. ³⁵ Again the next day after John stood, and two of his disciples; ³⁶ And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God! ³⁷ And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸ Then Jesus turned, and saw them following, and saith unto them, What seek ye? They said unto him, Rabbi, (which is to say, being interpreted, Master,) where dwellest thou? ³⁹ He saith unto them, Come and see. They came and saw where he dwelt, and abode with him that day: for it was about the tenth hour. ⁴⁰ One of the two which heard John *speak*, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹ He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ. ⁴² And he brought him to Jesus. And when Jesus beheld him, he said, Thou art Simon the son of Jona: thou shalt be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, A stone. ⁴³ The day following Jesus would go forth into Galilee, and findeth Philip, and saith unto him, Follow me. ⁴⁴ Now Philip was of Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵ Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph. ⁴⁶ And Nathanael said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, Come and see. ⁴⁷ Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and saith of him, Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile! ⁴⁸ Nathanael saith unto him, Whence knowest thou me? Jesus answered and said unto him, Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee. ⁴⁹ Nathanael answered and saith unto him, Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel. ⁵⁰ Jesus answered and said unto him, Because I said unto thee, I saw thee under the fig tree, believest thou? thou shalt see greater things than these. ⁵¹ And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.

(Amplified Bible; The Everyday Life; 2005; Joyce Meyers; Scripture, commentaries, pages 2096-2097)
 (Word Search 9, Bible Software; (KJV) 2005; Bibles, dictionary, concordance, sermons, scripture)

Psa 119:105

Thy word [is] a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.



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