

“Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you; he who walks in darkness does not know where he is going.”

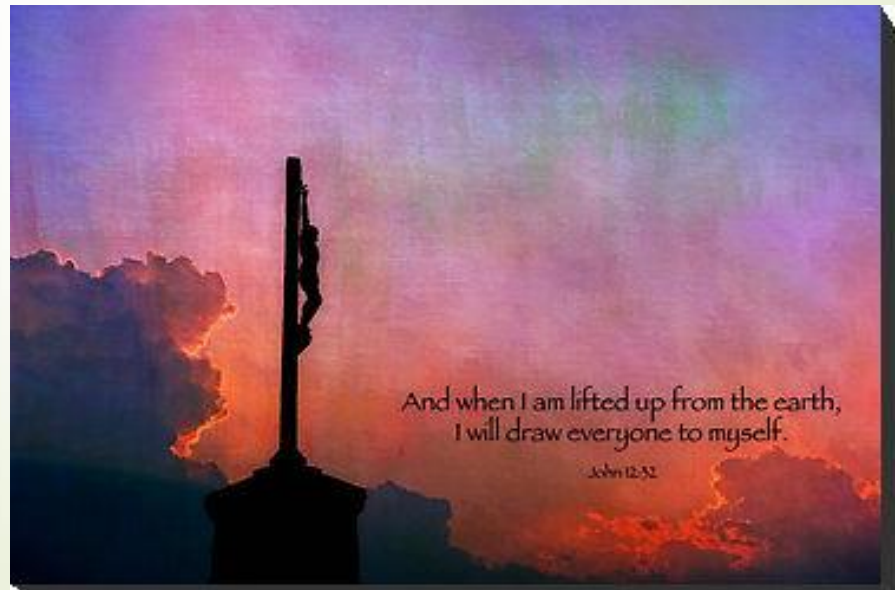
– John 12:35



Choosing between Two Paths

Introduction

- “And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself.” (Jn. 12:32)



Walking in Darkness

1. Why would anyone walk in the dark?

- “For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.” (Jn. 3:20)

2. Can I avoid the light with no consequences?

- “God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.” (1 Jn. 1:5-6)



Walking in Darkness

3. Can I simply stand in darkness?

- ▶ “And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever”— therefore the Lord God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken.” (Gen. 3:22-23)





Walking in Darkness

4. Those who choose darkness bring condemnation upon themselves

- “And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.” (Jn. 3:19-20)

Walking in Light

1. Live with a sense of urgency

- “Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you...” (Jn. 12:35)
- Ex: Lot
- “And while he lingered, the men took hold of his hand, his wife's hand, and the hands of his two daughters, the Lord being merciful to him, and they brought him out and set him outside the city.” (Gen. 19:16)



Walking in Light

2. Have fellowship with Him

- “If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.” (1 Jn. 1:6)

3. Have fellowship with one another

- “But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another...” (1 Jn. 1:7)



Walking in Light

4. Expose darkness

- “And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them.” (Eph. 5:11)

5. See themselves as they are – being honest

- “I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.” (Jn. 8:12)





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