

The Light of Life

Scripture

“Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, ‘I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.’ The Pharisees therefore said to Him, ‘You bear witness of Yourself; Your witness is not true.’ Jesus answered and said to them, ‘Even if I bear witness of Myself, My witness is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going; but you do not know where I come from and where I am going. You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one. And yet if I do judge, My judgment is true; for I am not alone, but I [am] with the Father who sent Me. It is also written in your law that the testimony of two men is true. I am One who bears witness of Myself, and the Father who sent Me bears witness of Me.’ Then they said to Him, ‘Where is Your Father?’ Jesus answered, ‘You know neither Me nor My Father. If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also.’ These words Jesus spoke in the treasury, as He taught in the temple; and no one laid hands on Him, for His hour had not yet come.” (John 8:12-20 NKJV)

Commentary

Obedience and belief go hand-in-hand. Following is another way of saying “obeying”. Those who obey Christ by following in His footsteps are not ignorant of His divine position. They have the light of life in their hearts and know that Jesus is the Christ.

There is a whole camp of people out there that promote that repentance is just a change of mind without any necessary accompanying change in behavior. It seems from the passage above that not following in Christ’s footsteps makes one walk in darkness. The example is given in the context.

The Pharisees accused Jesus of being a liar. How great was their darkness? No, you must submit to Christ to have eternal life. Don’t try to say this following is only embracing Him and His ideals. The passage talks about walking not thinking. “He who follows me shall not walk in darkness.” The Pharisees were living proof of Christ’s message: they did not know the Father or Christ, and they were characterized by being liars and Christ haters.

Make sure your life is yielded to Christ. If you have taken bits and pieces of it back, then yield again to His sovereignty. You cannot serve God and mammon.

Prayer

Father, we believe, and we desire to walk in the light. Forgive us when we stumble along the way. The flesh is strong and relentless. However, we know that faith can overcome the flesh. Show us our way of escape today as we are faced with temptations, and, Lord, if it be your will keep us from all temptations, amen.