

LIGHT FOR LIVING by Andrew Roberts

“Thy word is a lamp to my feet, And a light to my path.” –

Psalm 119:105

At times, life gets dark. For many, life is always dark.

When our job security is questionable, life just got a little bit dimmer. When we are continually shouting at our spouse or teenagers, it seems someone just closed the blinds. When a loved one is taken from us by jail, sickness or death, the candles are burning very low. When discouragement and frustration cloud our judgment it seems light only comes through keyholes. And when we sin, separating ourselves from God and doing injustice to our neighbor we are totally engulfed in the darkness.

Life can be so dark.

No one knew this truth better than the author of Psalm 119, king David of ancient Israel. He knew the glories of victory in battle and success as a monarch. Yet he sinned grievously against God and man in adultery, lying and murder. But even on his darkest day, David knew and shares with us that there is light for living. That light is the word of God. The Bible.

The Light Allows You To Chose the Path of Life. If we flounder in the darkness of sorrow and sin apart from the light of God’s word, how can we possibly chose a proper path for life, the path of righteousness? We cannot. We need the light of God’s word in order to see and chose the path of life.

Life is only in Jesus Christ (John 1:4; 10:10; 14:6). How can we can know Christ apart from the word (John 1:1)? How can we know truth apart from the word (John 17:17)? How can we have faith apart from the word (Rom. 10:17)? We cannot. The inspired, infallible written word of God leads us to Jesus Christ, the Living Word of our salvation. It equips us to chose life. By the word we have faith in Christ and that faith motivates us to obedience (Jas. 1:22-25). By faith we confess Christ (Rom.10:14), repent of sins (Acts 2:38) and are immersed into Christ (Gal.3:26-27). Thus we chose to follow the path of light, a choice given us by the word.

The Light Guides You On the Path of Life. Christianity is a way of life and the word of God continually guides us throughout our lives. If the light provides for us the choice to get on the right path it also enables us to stay on the right path. If we would walk (live our lives) in Christ then we will live our lives in the light (John 12:46; 1 John 1:5-7). The word guides us in the path of light and life. The word leads us into good deeds and proper service and worship to God (2 Tim. 3:16-17; Col. 3:16). The word guides us in Christ to a home in heaven. The light keeps us on the path, no matter what obstacles the devil may produce or snares we may encounter.

The Light Keeps You From Stumbling On the Path of Life. The word enables us to see and avoid the dangerous *potholes* on the road of life. It acts as a protector, teaching us and guarding us against that most dangerous element which separates us from God: Sin. God will not change His word, it is the continual source of light and truth throughout our days (Matt. 24:35). God identifies for us plainly what is acceptable and what is damnable before Him. His word is the standard of judgment (John 12:48-50). Furthermore, God will never tempt us; He will help us to resist temptation (Jas. 1:13; 1 Cor. 10:13). The word keeps us on course, safely traveling the pathway of life.

Invariably, we will trip up, slip up or fall. We sin; we transgress the will of God. The word convicts us of our sins and points us back to the light. The word lets us see

what we did wrong and makes known the way Christians can make things right, stay in the light, and travel on (Heb. 4:12; 1 John 1:8-2:2).

Is your life dark? Then throw open the shades! Turn on the floodlights! Study your Bible and let the light of God, lead your life!

Welcome to the Brownsburg church of Christ. We are a group of Christians trying to learn and live from the light of God, His word. We're so happy you chose to join with us today for a time of worship and Bible study. If you'd like to learn more about the Bible or God's offer of eternal salvation, why not request a home Bible study with one of our elders, deacons or ministers? We're striving to serve God, you and one another in love and honesty.