

Let There Be Light

God has a very interesting way of teaching us His Word. The new birth, for example, could not happen until you are first physically born. The physical precedes the spiritual. How would you know what spiritual birth is all about if you didn't understand how you came to be in this world? How you were born? The significance of being in your parent's family etc.? The physical precedes the spiritual. This holds true throughout the Word. Like in I Corinthians 15.

I Corinthians 15:45 And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was *made* a quickening spirit. **46** Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual.

Some basic details of the first time a baby is born into the world are: The baby learns how to feed on its mother, or how to drink milk from the mother, or from a bottle...as its nourishment., as nutrition is necessary to grow.

On this topic, we will see how that principle holds true. The physical comes first, then comes the natural or physical part of things.

Genesis 1:3 And God said, let there be light, and it was so.

This is the first time in Scripture that we read, "*And God said...*" and what follows immediately is light. Now here's something important for context: Verse 2 stated that: "***darkness was upon the face of the deep.***" Then God speaks—and light is introduced into that darkness. So, the pattern is set right here... Darkness is present. God speaks. Light is introduced. The physical light is introduced first. This is the practical side of God's Word and light. This becomes a pattern that carries all the way through Scripture.

It doesn't say in **verse 3**, "And God created light..." God did not have to create light here. Physical light was already in existence in the beginning when God created the heaven(s) and the earth in verse 1 of chapter 1 of **Genesis**. It was created in the beginning. The entrance... or the beginning of what God started in **Genesis 1:3** was light being re-introduced. Light did not have to be created here. Whatever physical light was composed of was already in existence. All God had to do was speak it forth in **verse 3**.

Having had the understanding of what light looks like, i.e. how it shines, how it gives illumination in the darkness, etc. Then we can now understand what the practical side of God's spiritual significance.

Psalms 119:130 The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.

This verse isn't talking about physical light now. The word "entrance" carries the idea of an *opening* or *unfolding*. When God's Word is spoken, it is immediately displayed. And that light produces something very practical, as stated in the rest of the verse: it gives **understanding**, even for the "simple," OR to the humble. It's speaking to people who are without complexity or pretense.

So right from the start God's Word doesn't just inform—it **illuminates our hearts and minds**. And that illumination leads to **understanding**. Whenever and wherever God speaks, there is light. God's Word gives light. It's not talking about physical light here, but spiritual light. You can't take your Bible out in the woods at night to light up the trail in front of you. BUT! The Word of God can give illumination to your heart and mind! God continues to show us this practical side and applicable side.

II Corinthians 4:6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

We just saw in Genesis where God commanded the physical light to come forth. Same God that has also shined light in our hearts. Paul, by revelations is directly reaching back to **Genesis 1**. It's the same pattern: Darkness → God speaks → light shines. But now, this light is not shining in the heavens, not over the earth, but in the human heart. And so, what happens now? → "...to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."

God is Spirit, as **John 4:24** states. When the collapse, the cataclysmic destruction of the first heaven and earth occurred, it didn't get rid of God! God began the next chapter of the heavens and the earth.

So, this isn't physical light—it is: Light = knowledge specifically, knowledge *of God's glory* that ties perfectly back to **Psalms 119:130**: God's Word gives light that light gives understanding. In the Septuagint, the Greek Translation of the Old Testament, the word for understanding is ***sunesis*** in the accusative form. Which means that the understanding does not come from people generating it on their own, but is a direct result of The Word of God giving light.

Ephesians 3:4: Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ)

This is about grasping the mystery. Not just hearing it—but *putting it together*. The English word for Understand, is the Greek word, ***sunesis***. The Greek word *sunesis* is a bringing together—like streams flowing into one river. When the light of God's Word enters, it doesn't just give pieces of truth—it brings them together so they make sense.

Colossians 1:9 For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding [*sunesis*].

Understanding that comes from God, not from intellect

Colossians 2:2 That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ.

This one is powerful: Not partial understanding, Not guessing, but to THE **Full assurance** That's light fully received and settled in the heart. Peaceful streams that flow into one even more peaceful river. *Sunesis* in this verse is in the **genitive case**. This means the ***sunesis*** is what gives the full assurance from that understanding. IN other words, you know, that you know, that

you know. Not one particle of doubt!!! I am not trying to overload you with grammar, but this portion of this word *sunesis* is so very cool, when you get it.

Let's look at II Timothy 2:7 of the word ***sunesis*** in the New Testament.

II Timothy 2:7 Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things.

“understanding” = ***sunesis*** Timothy is told to *think on the Word*, And God gives the ***sunesis*** That's the great practical connection: We listen or we read, then we consider, and God gives understanding.

I Corinthians 1:19 For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understandings [sunesis] of the prudent [“the understanding ones]

Cited from **Isaiah 29:14**: “Therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvelous work among this people, *even* a marvelous work and a wonder: for the wisdom of their wise *men* shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent *men* shall be hid.”

Both Greek and Hebrew have a repetition of words in different parts of speech with the words rendered “wisdom” and “wise” and with the words rendered “understanding” and “prudent.”

“The Word of God brings light, and that light produces ***sunesis***—a true, spiritual understanding where the things of God come together clearly in the heart.” Your tributaries of spiritual thoughts come together and flow out of your life.

I John 1 — The nature of God Himself

Now let's look at the broader context:

I John 1:5–7: This 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. 6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not the truth. 7 But if we walk in the light... we have fellowship one with another...

I John is not just saying God *gives* light. it's saying: **God *is* light**. That means: Light is not just something God produces, God, who is spirit, is light. His light dispels the darkness in anyone's heart who takes the time to listen and then believe. First believe Romans 10:9, then every subsequent bit of God's Word that you absorb!

As we read in **Psalm 119:130**, its light gives understanding. ***Inquiring minds want to know!!!*** We aren't playing tiddly winks with the Word, we really want answers to life... right??? Yes! We want to be able to share that same light, that same understanding with those who will listen. The end result of God's Word giving us light is understanding. The more time you spend studying God's Word, the more often you will get understanding.

In the beginning of our (the second) heavens and earth, God said, “Let there be light, and it was so.” Physical light was the beginning of the light for us to see with our eyeballs, once we came around to the earth. Then as God spoke to mankind, the light of His Word illumined the hearts of men who would believe. God's Word has been now been handed down to us, and we as his children are responsible for living and sharing it and walking in that light.

Ephesians 5:8 For ye were sometimes darkness, but now *are* ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light.

God bless you!