DARKNESS AND LIGHT

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: Isaiah 9:2 (KJV)

 It is possible for people to have many friends but still walk in darkness. A person could have great popularity and be living in darkness. Folks can be filthy rich and in darkness still be walking. The truth is, many a man is just doing his thing every day, making a living, going to school, or just trying to get by in this world, while he is deep in darkness.

 This darkness has a meaning of obscurity; in other words, blindness. Sin often blinds us from seeing the Truth. Sin keeps us from seeing the hope that Christ offers us. In John 1:4, 5 we are told that “in him (Christ) was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.” The obscurity of our sin prevents us from comprehending the light.

 Isaiah also says that the same who are living in darkness have dwelled in the land of the shadow of death. This shadow has a meaning of “deep darkness.” Consider the deep darkness of death. It is a sad thought to be walking around, going through the motions of living and yet be in the deep darkness of death.

 Many are the folks who really are death walking. When I was young my parents said that I walked in my sleep. Well, this not walking in ones sleep but walking in death. How deep is the darkness of death? Are you living life in such a way as to know that death is always on your trail and there is no hope of heavenly life beyond the point of death? In truth, it is worse than that; for Hell is a deeper death. It is death that is forever dying with not even the satisfaction of an end. The death of Hell has a continual torment where the worm dieth not.

 Thank God, what I have described is not the whole verse or even the whole statement, but there is also the part where they “have seen a great light.” The glory of the gospel is that God makes it possible for all of us who have walked in darkness, to see this great light. We have been given the measure of faith to believe in Jesus. He is that great light. Though we have walked in sin and in the shadow of death all our lives, we can place our trust in Jesus and find the true light to live and die by. Accepting the love of God through Jesus Christ is the one thing we can do that makes a difference in our life, which brings us from darkness to light. Trust in Jesus and find that life today.

Yours in Christ,

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