

Light, What's the Difference

John 1:3–4 (NKJV)

The Preincarnate Work of Christ

³ All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. ⁴ In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

John 8:12 (NKJV)

"I Am the Light of the World"

¹² 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."

Luke 12:49–59 (NKJV)

Christ Warns of the Costs of Discipleship

⁴⁹ "I came to send fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰ But I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how distressed I am till it is accomplished! ⁵¹ Do *you* suppose that I came to give peace on earth? I tell you, not at all, but rather division. ⁵² For from now on five in one house will be divided: three against two, and two against three. ⁵³ Father will be divided against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law."

Christ Warns of Not Discerning the Times

⁵⁴ Then He also said to the multitudes, "Whenever *you* see a cloud rising out of the west, immediately you say, 'A shower is coming'; and so it is. ⁵⁵ And when you see the south wind blow, you say, 'There will be hot weather'; and there is. ⁵⁶ Hypocrites! You can discern the face of the sky and of the earth, but how *is it* you do not discern this time?

⁵⁷ "Yes, and why, even of yourselves, do you not judge what is right? ⁵⁸ When you go with your adversary to the magistrate, make every effort along the way to settle with him, lest he drag you to the judge, the judge deliver you to the officer, and the officer throw you into prison. ⁵⁹ I tell you, you shall not depart from there till you have paid the very last mite."

Matthew 5:1–16 (NKJV)

The Beatitudes

5 And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. ² Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:

³ "Blessed *are* the poor in spirit,
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ Blessed *are* those who mourn,
For they shall be comforted.

⁵ Blessed *are* the meek,
For they shall inherit the earth.

⁶ Blessed *are* those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
For they shall be filled.

⁷ Blessed *are* the merciful,
For they shall obtain mercy.
⁸ Blessed *are* the pure in heart,
For they shall see God.
⁹ Blessed *are* the peacemakers,
For they shall be called sons of God.
¹⁰ Blessed *are* those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
¹¹ "Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you
falsely for My sake. ¹² Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great *is* your reward in heaven, for so
they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The Similitudes

¹³ "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is
then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.
¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Nor do they
light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all *who are* in the
house. ¹⁶ Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify
your Father in heaven.

2 Corinthians 11:14–15 (NKJV)

¹⁴ And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. ¹⁵ Therefore *it is*
no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose
end will be according to their works.

Galatians 5:22–26 (NKJV)

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness,
faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. ²⁴ And those *who are*
Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live in the Spirit, let us also
walk in the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

Matthew 5:45 (NKJV)

⁴⁵ *that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on
the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.*

John 1:14 (NKJV)

The Incarnation of Christ

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of
the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Psalms 97:10 (NKJV)

¹⁰ You who love the LORD, hate evil!
He preserves the souls of His saints;
He delivers them out of the hand of the wicked.

1 John 4:8 (NKJV)

⁸ He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

Colossians 1:13 (NKJV)

¹³ He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed *us* into the kingdom of the Son of His love,

Zechariah 3:1 (NKJV)

Vision of the High Priest

3 Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the Angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to oppose him.

Revelation 12:11 (NKJV)

¹¹ And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.

testimony (witness) *n.* — the verbal evidence of a witness by which something is affirmed to be true.

Matthew 10:32–33 (NKJV)

³² “Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. ³³ But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 25:23 (NKJV)

²³ His lord said to him, ‘Well *done*, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.’