

## **\* MESSAGE NOTES**

IN THE LIGHT ~ Week 3

Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the Lord. He

will restore the hearts of the fathers to their children and the hearts of the children to their fathers, so that I will not come and smite the land with a curse. ~ Malachi 4:5-6

And he will turn many of the sons of Israel back to the Lord their God. It is he who will go as a forerunner before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers back to the children, and the disobedient to the attitude of the righteous, so as to make ready a people prepared for the Lord. ~ Luke 1:16-17

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. ~ John 1:1-5

There came a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to testify about the Light, so that all might believe through him. 8 He was not the Light, but he came to testify about the Light. ~ John 1:6-8

There was the true Light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. ~ John 1:9-13

And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth. ~ John 1:14

John testified about Him and cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me has a higher rank than I, for He existed before me." ~ John 1:15

For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace. For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ. No one has seen God at any time; the only begotten God who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained Him. ~ John 1:16-18

This is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent to him priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" And he confessed and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ." They asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?"

And he said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you, so that we may give an answer to those who sent us? What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am a voice of one crying in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as Isaiah the prophet said." ~ John 1:19-23

And if you are willing to accept it, John himself is Elijah who was to come. ~ Matthew 11:14

The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your countrymen, you shall listen to him. ~ Deuteronomy 18:15

A voice is calling, "Clear the way for the Lord in the wilderness; Make smooth in the desert a highway for our God." ~ Isaiah 40:3

## **THREE DIFFERENCES OF LIVING IN THE DARKNESS & LIVING IN THE LIGHT**

1) Darkness frustrates but light illuminates.

## 2) Darkness alienates, but light incorporates.

And the city has no need of the sun or of the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God has illuminated it, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. In the daytime (for there will be no night there) its gates will never be closed; and they will bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it; and nothing unclean, and no one who practices abomination and lying, shall ever come into it, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life. ~ Revelation 21:23-27

The Lord appeared to us in the past, saying: "I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness." ~ Jeremiah 31:3

## 3) Darkness incarcerates, but light liberates.

For what I am doing, I do not understand; for I am not practicing what I would like to do, but I am doing the very thing I hate. ... Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! ~ Romans 7:15, 24-25a

For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ~ Romans 8:2

... If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free. ~ John 8:31b-32

Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin.... So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed. ~ John 8:34b, 36

Night will be no more, and they will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, because the Lord God will shine on them, and they will reign forever and ever. ~ Revelation 22:5