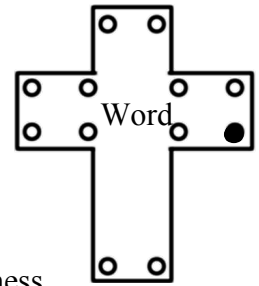


WORD of TRULY GREAT FREEDOM

2:4 This Light



Bible Verse : 1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, He who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Proclaim : *If I confess my sins to God, I will have His cleansing and His light.*

Truth: Jesus said, “I am the light of the world. He who follows me will no longer walk in the darkness, but will have the light of life.”



Lesson: (1) From Darkness To Light – *The writer of the world famous Hymn <Amazing Grace> was an Englishman named John Newton, who wrote: “Amazing grace, how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me. I once was lost but now am found, was blind, but now I see.” Newton was a self-professed wretched man who found God when he almost died in a terrifying storm at sea. His life was subsequently transformed amazingly – from a hardened slave-trader to a servant of the Living God. His last 43 years of life was spent as an outstanding scholar, teacher and preacher of the gospel of Jesus Christ to many. Jesus said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life”. God wants us to be like Newton John. He has purposed us to walk out from the darkness of a life of sin, and to return to God’s marvelous light. (Acts 26:18; John 8:12)*

(2) Becoming Sons Of Light – *Those who believe in God “are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation” and have gained the light of life. In the midst of a terrible crisis, the light of God’s word was revealed to the heart of Newton John. To be able to receive God’s revelation -- that is what makes a Christian different from the pre-believer. (1 Peter 2:9)*

(3) Look Only At Things Of Goodness – *According to the bible: “Your eye is the lamp of your body. When your eyes are good, your whole body also is full of light. But when they are bad, your body also is full of darkness.” If what you see is not of holiness, they may cause you to lose the light and fall into darkness. Therefore we must be careful regarding what we see. (Luke 11:34)*

(4) Confess Our Sins To God – *If a man will not confess his sins to God and receive His cleansing, he will live in darkness. His heart is bound to suffer. That is why whenever there is unrighteousness in one’s heart; he must confess it before God. When Newton John confessed his sins to God, he found forgiveness and light. “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God”. (Matthew 5:8)*

Conclusion: Newton John’s life became a light to many people, including children and youths. We want to be like him - leave the things of darkness and become son of light, thus receiving the blessings and guidance of God.

Prayer/Invitation: Pray that today’s truths will be written on our hearts in Lord Jesus’ name.