

IS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Many times we hear people say that Jesus is the light of the world. What does that mean? Can we also be the light of the world?

When we say that Jesus is the light of the world we mean that He is truth and that everything about Him is known and seen. This means that Jesus has nothing to hide. The opposite is true, He wants us to know as much as possible about Him, that we may get to know Him.

When someone chooses to be in the dark, it means he does not want anyone to see him. Maybe because he is lying, maybe because he is hiding something or does not want to be seen. Maybe he is shy of something he did, maybe he wants to hurt someone and he is hiding from him in the shadows.

Jesus Himself is light, there is nothing bad in Him. In Jesus there is no sin. There is no lying. Jesus is like a candle that lights our way, helping us to see how to come out of the dark, from the place that is not good- into the light, to a better place.

Jesus is not just any light, He is the light of the world (John 8:12). He gives us life. When we walk after the light, our lives become so much better. But that is not all. Those who walk in the light of Jesus will live forever in His kingdom- where there will always be light, during the day and during the night.

Jesus is God, He always was, even before the world was created. On the first day of creation God said: "Let there be light", and immediately there was light! The sun, moon and stars that shine in the day and in the night, God created only on the fourth day. Jesus is the light, and He has always shined.

We cannot be 'the light of the world', because the light does not come from us. But we can be a light in the world. How? If we will be more and more like Jesus, we will show Jesus' light everywhere we go. If we don't lie and always tell the truth, people will see Jesus in us. If we love people and don't hurt them, they will see Jesus' love through us and people will see Jesus' light. If we respect our parents and do as they say, we will show them, and others, the light of Jesus.

Jesus is the light of the world, and we can be light to the world.

"Jesus... said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12