

“In the Dark!”

Romans 1:18-23 (1294); Ephesians 4:17-20 (1345)

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Introduction

- First experience with TOTAL DARKNESS
- Darkness usually associated with danger.
- All of us, at one time, lived in total, spiritual darkness. Eph. 5:8

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A. Spiritual Darkness through rejecting the light one has!

Romans 1:18-23 (1294)

1. Every person has had a clear presentation of God in Creation.
 - a. Creation itself is not God—that’s pantheism.
 - b. But creation points to a creator, a first uncaused cause!
 - 1) “Nothing produces nothing”
 - 2) Must be an eternal first cause.
 - 3) Universe’s design points to intelligent designer.
 - c. Creation reveals....
 - 1) God’s Existence and Glory—Psalm 19:1-4
 - 2) God’s Eternal Power—Psalm 29
 - 3) God’s Divine Nature or “godhood”—Romans 1:20
 - 4) God’s Indiscriminate kindness and love—Acts 14; Matt 5
 - 5) God’s Personality—Acts 17:29
 - d. Bottom Line: Man is without excuse!
2. Men *“suppress the truth in unrighteousness”*.
 - a. Refuse to worship God for who He is, or thank Him for what He has done. Man, not God, becomes the highest authority. They refuse to believe the evidence they see surrounding them.
 - b. Once the *“light”* is rejected, darkness settles in!
 - 1) Exchange truth for lies!
 - 2) Begin to live the lie—resulting in the deeds of darkness. Romans 1:29-32; 13:12-13

B. Spiritual Darkness through being blinded by Satan.

Ephesians 4:17-20

1. Ephesus as the “darkness of vileness”.
2. Description of the dark dwellers—Ephesians 4:17-20
 - a. *“live in the futility of their minds”*
 - b. *“Understanding is darkened”*—1 Corinthians 2:14
 - c. *“Alienated from the life of God”*—Ephesians 2:1-3
 - 1) *“through the ignorance that is in them”*
 - 2) *“through the blindness of their hearts”*—2 Cor. 4:3-4
3. Blindness removed by the Spirit to the gospel—Acts 26:18