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# The Origin of Spiritual Darkness

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“THE GOD OF THIS WORLD HAS BLINDED THE MINDS OF THEM WHO BELIEVE NOT, LEST THE LIGHT OF THE GLORIOUS GOSPEL OF CHRIST, WHO IS THE IMAGE OF GOD, SHOULD SHINE UNTO THEM.”



The Bible reveals the truth about a world-wide spiritual condition called *darkness*. Take note of this seven-fold description of this terrible condition:

## 1. Darkness

**This word** is used metaphorically for the absence of light. Natural darkness is a blessing in many ways, but there is a spiritual darkness that is a curse on humanity.

## 2. The Beginning of Darkness

**Spiritual darkness began with sin.** When Adam rebelled against God, he entered into a state of spiritual darkness because he became separated from God. Since that time, the will of man has been fixed against God. In this condition of darkness, man is blind to his sinful plight without understanding of the things of God and unaware of the way of salvation.

Through his world system of evil, Satan’s emissaries continue to create and intensify spiritual darkness by the promotion of Satan’s war against God. Paul warns us to “*Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness*” (Ephesians 5:11).

## 3. A Tool of Satan

**Spiritual darkness is a strong tool of Satan** who has the power to control and blind the minds of people. A sin-darkened mind is a terrible thing.

Darkness covers us like a dense fog. You cannot escape it any more than you can escape the air you breathe. The way to avoid its power and influence is to “*Walk in the light as He (Christ) is in the light...*” (I John 1:7).

We must also receive God’s Word for the Bible tells us that “*The entrance of God’s Word gives light.*”

Christian friend, you don’t have to live in darkness, but the unsaved have no choice while they are in unbelief and rejection of Christ.

## 4 A Darkened Mind

**A darkened mind cannot comprehend the truth.** The gospel remains a mystery to unbelievers until they are awakened by the convicting power of the Holy Spirit. Saul of Tarsus would have remained in the darkness of a dead religion without the awakening power of Jesus who called him out of the kingdom of darkness into the light of the truth of the Kingdom of God.

## 5. Rulers of Darkness

The “*rulers of the darkness*” (Ephesians 6:12) are powerful evil spirits who carry out Satan’s plans to promote darkness. In fact, there are millions of demons, unclean spirits, dumb spirits, lying spirits

that swarm the atmosphere of the earth to produce the darkness of doubt and fear in the minds of people.

## 6. Powers of Darkness

The “*powers of darkness*” are **evil spirits** that create and promote darkened conditions. They work in the minds of people in high places of authority whose influence controls the darkened conditions. Spiritual darkness affects every segment of society and controls the culture including the *government, education, the media, entertainment, politics and sports*.

Through spiritual darkness Satan and his powers maintain their *blinding, deceiving, depressing, distorting, distracting, controlling, oppressing, and lying work*.

## 7. Deliverance from Darkness

**The only power to counter darkness is the truth of God’s Word.**

Paul tells us, “*Who (God) has delivered us from the power of darkness and has translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son*” (Colossians 1:13). When you trusted Jesus as your Lord and Savior, you were delivered from the power of darkness—Satan and his powers of darkness – and inducted into the kingdom of God.

“In the light” is your position—therefore to “walk in the light” is to claim your deliverance from darkness provided for you in the death of Jesus on the cross. However, to live in disobedience puts you in the realm of darkness and provokes God’s chastening (Hebrews 12:6).

### Conclusion:

#### A. The Church and Spiritual Darkness

Deliverance from out of the kingdom of darkness does not exempt us from the effects of the darkness of the world. Disobedience, carnality, lack of spiritual growth, indifference and carelessness put us at a disadvantage below the powers of darkness. Consequently the lack of these things causes the lack of light. Yes, even in the Church. But Daniel tells us that...

*God reveals the deep and secret things: He knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with Him* (Daniel 2:22).

Therefore my friend, we are to walk *in the light as He is in the light*, and we will have light for fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ (1 John 1:7). A life yielded to Christ is a life of light that dispels the darkness of this world. Jesus said, *I am the light of the world*. In Him light is available for wisdom and guidance, and it comes by divine illumination of His Word.

#### B. The Unsaved and Spiritual Darkness

The unsaved remain in darkness until they are awakened and enlightened by the Holy Spirit and the power of the gospel. Jesus told Nicodemus that unless a man is born again he can not see the kingdom of God. It is the responsibility of the Church to take the gospel to the unsaved. The truth of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus must not be neglected nor substituted for. It is the truth the Holy Spirit uses to awaken and draw the sinner to Christ.