

complex philosophical presentation of religious truth. If that were necessary, few could be saved!

Receiving salvation is a matter of faith. It's believing God and accepting His Word about His Son Jesus Christ, His payment for our sins through His death on the cross, and His resurrection. It's trusting Him completely for salvation. John 1:12 tells us, "As many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name."

The Bible says that the gospel "is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes" (Rom. 1:16). Whether educated or uneducated, knowledgeable or ignorant, anyone can believe. No one will be able to stand before God and say, "I'm not saved because I couldn't understand the gospel." The way has been made plain. --RWD

*A ruler once came to Jesus by night
To ask Him the way of salvation and light;
The Master made answer in words true and plain,
"Ye must be born again." --Sleeper*

Christ believed is salvation received.



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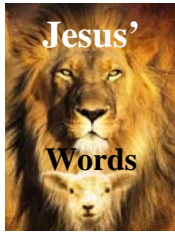
The Way Made Plain

You see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh . . . are called. --1 Corinthians 1:26

One leader said, "God must have loved the common people, since He made so many of them." I would modify that to say, "God must have loved the common people, since He made the way of salvation plain enough to be grasped by all"--yes, even me.

One need not have a high IQ to qualify for God's favor. Nor does experiencing salvation depend on a person's ability to understand a





Light of the World

(John 1:5) "And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it."
John 7:37-38

John 8:12-31 describes three ways that the light shines in the darkness (and the darkness did not comprehend the light):

1. The light shines the truth about

_____, verses 1-2, 9, 20, 12-19

◆ Christ is the _____, v 12-13

(Psalms 27:1) "The LORD is my light and my salvation; .."

(Isaiah 42:6) "... a light to the Gentiles,"

◆ Christ is from _____, verse 14

◆ Christ is a good _____, v 15-16

(Acts 17:31) ""because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.""

◆ Christ speaks the _____, v 17-18

◆ Christ is _____ with God, verses 19-20

(1 Peter 2:23) ".. when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously;"



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(2 Corinthians 4:6) "For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."

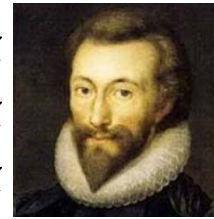
(Ephesians 5:8-11) "For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light

{9} (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness,

righteousness, and truth), {10} finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. {11} And have no

fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them."

2. The light shines the truth about _____, v 21-27



John Heywood

(Romans 6:23) "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

(Revelation 20:14-15) "Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. {15} And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire."

(Jeremiah 5:21) "Hear this now, O foolish people, Without understanding, Who have eyes and see not, And who have ears and hear not:"

(Acts 20:26-27) ""Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all men. {27} "For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God."

3. The light shines the truth about the _____, verses 28-30

(Matthew 27:54) "So when the centurion .. saw the earthquake and the things that had happened, they feared greatly, saying, "Truly this was the Son of God!""

(Acts 2:41) "Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them."

(Acts 4:4) "However, many of those who heard the word believed; and the number of the men came to be about five thousand."

(Exodus 3:14) "And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." ...""

(Hebrews 1:3) ".. He ..by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,"

(1 John 2:2) "And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world."

(John 3:16) ""For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

