

The Light Within  
(Intro to Fruit of the Spirit)  
John 1:1-13

In Verse 5 John tells us that the light shines in the darkness but the darkness has not understood it. There is more to light than what meet the human eye. We know John is writing about something more than natural light. Even so, by comparison truths about the spiritual world can be gained.

Light teaches us what the fuel is that is burning within its source. It takes special tools to see what is imbedded in the light; this light signature is the code that shows what it is made of. A spectrograph is just such a tool to analyze light. A prism is also an example of a tool used to examine light signatures.

Science teaches us that light has certain qualities that can be examined and in so doing teach us many things. We know that every element burns with its own color signature. That color when found in a particular light source then tells us what the chemical/elemental is that is burning within the light.

1 John 1:5 tells us that "God is Light." John goes on to communicate to the reader that light can reveal some things of value. (Verses 6-7) A person walking in this light must practice truth, must be in fellowship, and is made clean from their sins. What that means is that walking in the light verses walking in the dark improves the quality of ones fellowship, improves ones handling of truth, and improves ones sin state.

I do not like the idea that I am darkness. (Lk.11:34-36) I much prefer to be light. So if I desire to be light and not dark, the conclusion I am willing to draw is that I must get God since He is Light. Humanity lacks true light on and of its own. (Isa.50:10-11, Jn.8:12)

So How does a person get God? How do they Get Jesus? Is that even possible? In a manner of speaking, yes. Consider the following passages:

Jn.1:12-13 "...children of...born...of God."

Jn.8:12 "I am the Light...follows...will have ...light of life"

Col. 1:12-14 "...share...saints inheritance in the light."

Eph.5:6-13 "...once...darkness...now...light..."

Acts 26:17b-18 "...turn them from darkness to light."

Several conclusions can be drawn from these and other like passages: You are in the light if -

1. You have taken Jesus to be your Lord.
2. You have been redeemed by Jesus.
3. You have had your sins removed by Jesus.
4. You have received the Spirit of God.

The opposite of this would also be true if you are still in darkness and have not yet come to the light. For all who are born of the flesh are born in darkness and in need of the Light. As light bears the signature of its source even so the Spirit bears the signature of its source: God who is light and Spirit.

As color is the signature of lights source, the fruit of the Spirit is the Spirit's signature. The fruit of the Spirit is the signature of God within; He is the source. (Gal.5:22-23) The journey begins!