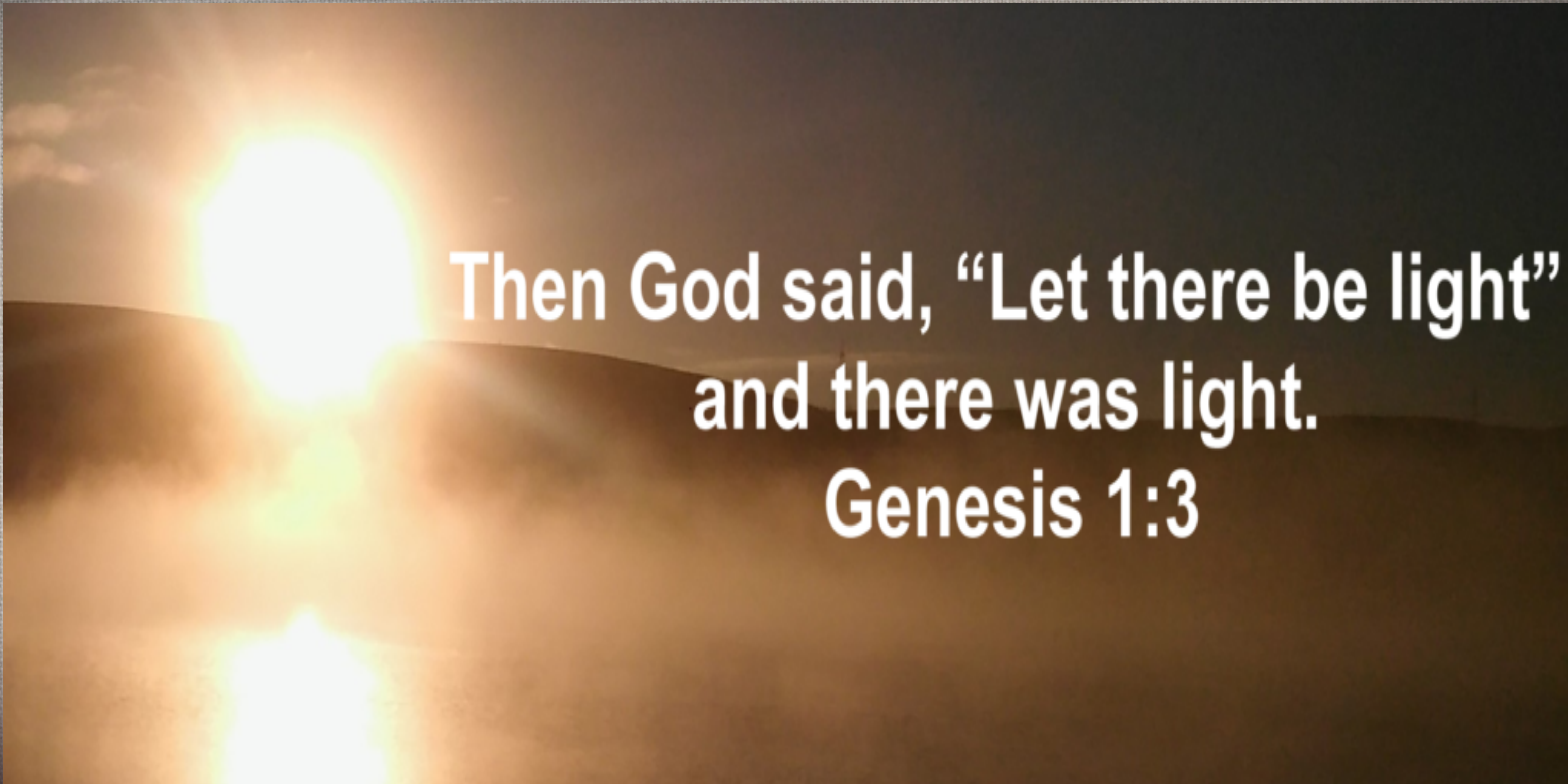


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**How Much Darkness
Can You Handle?**





A bright sun rising over a dark, hazy landscape, symbolizing the beginning of light. The sun is a large, glowing orb on the left side of the frame, casting a warm, golden light across the scene. The landscape below is dark and indistinct, with some faint outlines of hills or mountains. The overall atmosphere is one of dawn and the emergence of light.

**Then God said, “Let there be light”
and there was light.
Genesis 1:3**



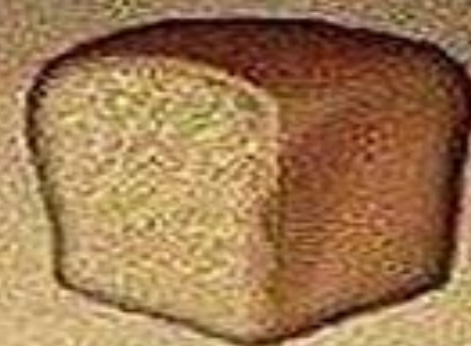
THE BREAD OF LIFE • THE LIGHT
OF THE WORLD • THE DOOR OF
THE SHEEP • THE GOOD SHEPHERD
• THE RESURRECTION AND THE
LIFE • THE WAY, THE TRUTH,
AND THE LIFE • THE TRUE VINE

I AM



"I am the true vine"

JOHN 15:1-5



"I am the bread of life"

JOHN 6:35-48



"I am the way, the truth and the life"

JOHN 14:6



"I am the light of the world"

JOHN 8:12; 9:5

The seven **"I AM"** statements of Jesus



"I am the resurrection and the life"

JOHN 11:25



"I am the good shepherd"

JOHN 10:11-14



"I am the gate"

JOHN 10:7

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying,

**“I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me will
not walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life.”**

John 8:12

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**Non-believers don't See Jesus as
the Light of the World**

**Their response to Jesus'
declaration that he is the light of
the world is to reject him or ignore
him based on superficial reasons.**

We live in a divided world

Living in Darkness ---The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

**Darkness = ignorant of God,
self-directed, rebellion toward God**

**Living in darkness--- limited
understanding of who we are, the
purpose of life and what is good
and evil in this world.**

Living in Light--- “For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God’s glory displayed in the face of Christ. (2 Corinthians 4:4-6)

Light – Know truth about our origins, salvation and future.

We experience brightness of God shining on us--connection with our creator and acceptance. Know his presence, protection and guidance.

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Let your
Light
Shine

Mirror – Remind Me

Reflect Jesus in strategic places.

Light on a hill

Lamp on a stand (not hidden)

Light to everyone in the house.

Mirror Remind Me

**We are therefore Christ's
ambassadors, as though God were
making his appeal through us.**

**We implore you on Christ's behalf:
Be reconciled to God**

Mirror Remind Me

No grumbling or arguing, become blameless and pure, “children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation. Then shine among them like stars in the sky as you hold firmly to the word of life.





BE THE LIGHT
IN A DARK WORLD



THE LIGHT OF CHRIST
IN A DARK WORLD

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