

Today's Message: 1 JOHN: LIGHT, LOVE, LIFE  
Series: Messianic Letters  
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Don't we all want to experience life to the full? There are 3 components: LIGHT, LOVE, & LIFE

These are explained in 1 John

**Written by:** John  
**Written to:** the Family of Messiah  
**Date Written:** 90-95 AD  
**Written from:** Ephesus  
**Theme:** God is Light, God is Love, God is Life

1 John defies an outline...Like a symphony that returns to the previous themes...Light, Love, Life...Family...Antichrist

"I am convinced that this epistle is more important for believers in the church than the church epistles."  
--J. Vernon McGee, Thru the Bible

## **I. GOD IS LIGHT**

1 John 1:5 (ESV) *This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.*

### **A. God is Light means God is Holy**

Isaiah 6:3b (NLT) *"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of Heaven's Armies! The whole earth is filled with his glory!"*

Isaiah's cry, Isaiah 6:5 (NLT) *"It's all over! I am doomed, for I am a sinful man."*

**God's holiness demands justice!** Romans 1:18 (ESV) *For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.*

**Holy, Holy, Holy** by Reginald Heber (1783-1826)

Holy, holy, holy, All the saints adore Thee  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea  
All the cherubim and seraphim are falling down before Thee  
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be

### **B. God is Light means God is Truth**

1 John 1:6 (NLT) *So we are lying if we say we have fellowship with God but go on living in spiritual darkness; we are not practicing the truth.*

## **SO WHAT to God's Light?**

1 John 1:7 (NLT) *But if we are living in the light, as God is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from all sin.*

1 John 2:4 (NLT) *If someone claims, "I know God," but doesn't obey God's commandments, that person is a liar and is not living in the truth.*

**Open My Eyes** by Clara Scott (1841-1897)

Open my eyes that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me.  
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.  
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

## II. GOD IS LOVE

1 John 4:8 (ESV) *Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.*

1 John 4:18 (ESV) *There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear.*

John 3:16 (ESV) *"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."*

Romans 5:8 (ESV) *but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

### Grace (Love) & Truth (Light)

John 1:14 (ESV) *And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

## SO WHAT to God's love?

1 John 4:19 (ESV) *We love because he first loved us.*

1 John 3:16 (NLT) *We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters.*

1 John 3:23 (ESV) *And this is his commandment, that we **believe** in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and **love one another**, just as he has commanded us.*

**The Love of God** by Frederick M. Lehman (1868-1953)

Could we with ink the ocean fill  
And were the skies of parchment made  
Were every stalk on earth a quill  
And every man a scribe by trade  
To write the love of God above  
Would drain the ocean dry  
Nor could the scroll contain the whole  
Though stretched from sky to sky

## III. GOD IS LIFE

1 John 1:1–2 (NLT) *We proclaim to you the one who existed from the beginning, whom we have heard and seen. We saw him with our own eyes and touched him with our own hands. He is the Word of life. <sup>2</sup> This one who is life itself was revealed to us, and we have seen him. And now we testify and proclaim to you that he is the one who is eternal life. He was with the Father, and then he was revealed to us.*

John 10:10b (ESV) *"I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."*

John 1:4 (NLT) *The Word gave life to everything that was created, and his life brought light to everyone.*

**Light and Life are Linked by Love!**

## SO WHAT to God's Life?

1 John 5:11–13 (NLT) *And this is what God has testified: He has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup> Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have God's Son does not have life. <sup>13</sup> I have written this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know you have eternal life.*

### **O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing** by Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

He breaks the power of cancelled sin,  
he sets the prisoner free;  
his blood can make the foulest clean;  
his blood availed for me.

## SO WHAT?

Are you living in the LIGHT? What areas of sin are you tolerating in your life?

1 John 1:7 (NLT) *But if we are living in the light, as God is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from all sin.*

Do you LOVE God and others? In what ways can your love be more like God?

1 John 3:18 (NLT) *Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions.*

Do you have LIFE? Are you living abundantly?

1 John 5:13 (NLT) *I have written this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know you have eternal life.*

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## ONWARD CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, July 10, 2022

**1. ONWARD PRAYER RESPONSE CARD ONLINE**—To make it easier for some, you can scan this QR code in order to complete your Prayer Response Card.



**2. WORKDAY AT NEW BUILDING SATURDAY AT 9AM**—13095 Publishers Drive, Fishers (SE corner 131<sup>st</sup> & SR 37). Text Alex Abell with questions or more info 317-416-8027.

**3. ONWARD'S NEW LOCATION ANNOUNCED**—We are thrilled to announce that Onward Church will be moving to our new facility at 13095 Publishers Drive, Fishers (131<sup>st</sup> & SR 37). Our planned move will be August 14, 2022. We will be renting our facility from *Mission Christian Academy* led by Shawn Moore.

**4. YOUTH SUNDAY 6-8pm AT HARTMAN'S**

**5. FAMILY CAMP—SEPTEMBER 9-11.** Blue Gate Inn, Shipshewana. Save the dates. More info to come.

**6. 2022 ONWARD TO JERUSALEM BIBLE STUDY TOUR—OCTOBER 18-29, 2022.** Cost of the tour will be approximately \$3,850 per person (double occupancy). A deposit of \$500 will hold your spot. For more information, please write Pastor Gary at [gary@garystump.org](mailto:gary@garystump.org). Vaccine Mandates have been lifted for travelers to Israel.