



John 8:12 “When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, ‘I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.’”

#1. The Metaphor - Light of the world

“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.”

Light gives us life, truth and joy.

“God is light, and Christ is the image of the invisible God. One sun enlightens the whole world; so does one Christ, and there needs no more. What a dark dungeon would the world be without the sun! So would it be without Jesus, by whom light came into the world.” **Matthew Henry**

#2. The Claim - I am the light of the world

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The 7 I Am's in the Gospel of John.

1. I am the bread of life (John 6:35)
2. I am the light of the world (John 8:12)
3. I am the gate (John 10:9)
4. I am the good shepherd (John 10:11)
5. I am the resurrection and the life (John 11:25-26)
6. I am the way the truth and the life (John 14:6)
7. I am the vine (John 15:5)

#3. The Call to Follow -Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life

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“Strong and full of hope as these words are in the English rendering, the Greek is more emphatic still. The negative is in its strongest form, expressing “shall by no means,” “shall in no wise,” “walk in darkness.” The possibility is excluded from the thought. “God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all.” If a man makes a false step in life, it is because he seeks other guides in his own thoughts or in subjection to the thoughts of other men. He that seeks to follow the true Light—to follow, not precede it; to follow always, not only when it coincides with his own will; to follow patiently and trustfully, step by step, wherever it may lead—cannot walk in darkness, for he is never without the presence of the Light.” **Charles Ellicott**

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