*"**And The Light Shineth In Darkness**; and the darkness comprehended it not."* John 1:5 *KJV*

Blindness is darkness. It is the inability to verify your surroundings; the uncertainty of step. The dead are unaware of their blindness. Blindness primarily pertains to eyesight, but the dead are deaf and dumb as well. Those without the Light of Truth are *"dead in trespasses and sin."* The real tragedy of their situation is; they were born that way and are unaware of their darkness. *"He that believeth not is condemned already."* Only sight perceives the light and without the touch of God there is no loss of blindness! God is His Word and the *"Word [is] God. Faith cometh by…the Word of God. Without faith it is impossible to please Him. For by Grace are ye saved, through faith…the Gift of God."* Without life the dead cannot interact with the living, be aware of their condition, nor perceive the brightest light. Lazarus was dead four days and rotting in the grave without perception, but when Christ spoke to him, he came forth; still bound in grave clothes. The living were instructed *"Loose him and let him go."* In this short passage are volumes of Truth. The only Voice Lazarus heard was Christ. When resurrected, he was brought out of the grave, still bound, by the Power in the Words of that Voice. It then became the responsibility of the living to remove the grave wrappings before he could join the living. It is not our eloquence those dead in sin hear. It is only God's Word that quickens them. After they are quickened, it is the responsibility of believers to *"loose them;"* that is; teach *"them to observe all things whatsoever [Christ] has Commanded [us]."* Notice they were to *"let"* him go; not make him go. The true believer will obey on their own without coercion, because they are alive. The dead do not, because they cannot. The twofold analogy of light and life speaks directly to the state of those without God. You cannot know darkness exists until the light reveals itself, and by its presence, darkness is then known to be the absence of that light. You cannot know God without God, and by His very presence He reveals Himself and makes the darkness of sin and death known for what it is; the absence of God Who is Light and Life! The smallest light defeats the dark by its mere presence alone, and the Truth by its utterance vanquishes the lie. *"Ye shall know the Truth and the Truth shall MAKE you free."* We see the candle, because of the candle. In the light, the darkness vanishes!

The Light reveals the Light itself,
Like candle lit upon the shelf,
By Word of Truth the blind do see,
And then the Light the can perceive. –CGP

Be aware, Dear Believer, the Truth you know is revealed by the Truth you know. If you know Truth, it is because you heard the Voice of God. if you heard that Voice, it was because of that Voice and it is by that Voice we are loosed from death into Life Eternal. But…to remain in the Light you must follow the Light. All else is death and darkness. The closer you stand to the Light, the more you see.

> *"Stand fast therefore in the Liberty wherewith Christ (God's Word, the Truth) hath MADE US FREE, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage (darkness of sin)." Galatians 5:1 KJV*