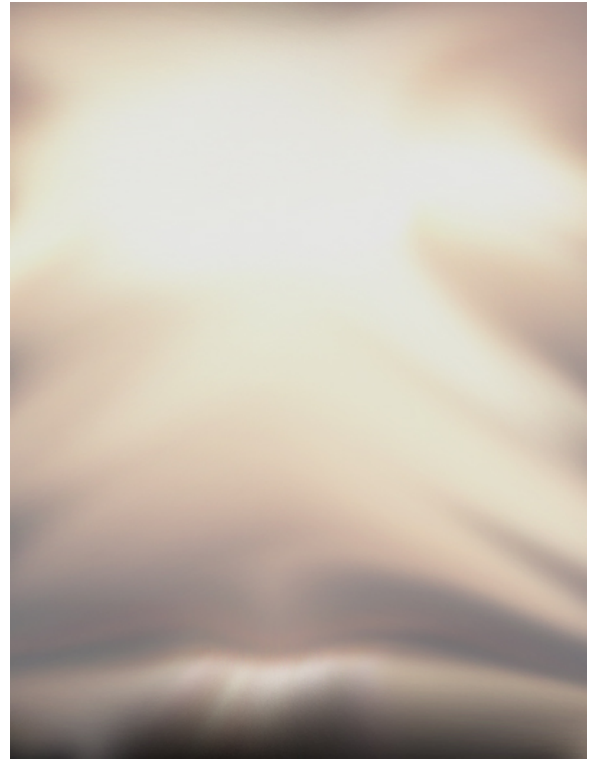


*"And God said, Let there be **light**: and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day." **Genesis 1:3-5 KJV***



Light came first, because God is Light and He is before all else. Before anything is, God is. *"For by Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him, and for Him: And He is before all things, and by Him all things consist."* ALL things consist by Him. God appears on the dawn of creation and permeates it with His illuminating presence and calls it the first day. The first day became, because He was there. Light and darkness cannot co-exist. He separated the darkness from Himself and called it "night." Darkness reminds us of what it is like without God. With more light, vision becomes clearer and the brighter colors appear. We make sure classrooms are well lighted. Light also refers to instruction. The teacher "illuminates" the student. If a person suddenly understands something, we say it "dawned" on them. A well educated person is referred to as being "bright." The Word of God, Jesus, is called Himself *"The Light of the World."* The Light of the Gospel shines. *"The god of this world (Satan) hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ...should shine unto them."* The Light of Truth transforms sinners into *"new creatures in Christ."* Before salvation can occur, there must be a "shining" of the Glorious Light of the Gospel, God's Word. Jesus said to his disciples, *"Ye are the light of the world. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."* Like the moon reflects the unseen sun in the dark of night, we have the Holy Spirit indwelling and shining forth through our witness. We illuminate lies and hypocrisy with the Truth of God's Word. It allows sinners to "see" the error of their ways. The first day of creation illustrates for us that before there can be anything new, God must be present. His presence is Light and Power. He makes all else possible. Every sunrise is a reminder of His Glorious Presence and Power.

There is no night when God appears,
His Light the night and darkness shears,
Illuminating pow'r Divine,
Makes all it touches brightly shine. ~CGP

God allowed His presence to permeate our lives when we called to Him for forgiveness and mercy. He transformed us into saints and heirs of Glory by His very presence with us! We no longer serve darkness, because Truth's light allows us the liberty of sight as we walk in it. *"If we walk in the Light as He is in the Light, we have fellowship...and the blood of Jesus Christ...cleanseth us from all sin!"* We are the children of the Day, and soon, night will fade forever!

"And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever." Revelation 22:5 KJV