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The Gospel: Light to a Dark World

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In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. 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. [Genesis 1:1-4]

In the well know passage above, notice first what was upon the created world. Darkness! This darkness was not part of the creation, but was what existed apart from God prior to His bringing forth Light. This has been compared with man in his natural state, but can rightly be applied to the world without God's Light. Of course, sin exacerbated the darkness later, but before that happened God introduced Light to begin the process of pushing the darkness away. This established a basic theme of the Bible, since everything else thereafter essentially shows God's Light coming in and putting away darkness. It clearly is the principle behind the Great Commission. Jesus said in John 8:12, ***I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.*** In John 12:46, He said ***I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.*** We abide in darkness if we do not come to the Light; and therefore, Jesus said in John 3:19, ***And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.*** Jesus said in Matthew 5:14 to His followers: ***Ye are the light of the world.*** As a consequence, He tells His Church, represented by the eleven disciples to shine forth His Light by going into all the nations and discipling them (Matthew 28:18-20) promising to be with them till the end.

The Gospel is Light to a dark world. Some will not receive it because they love darkness, yet amongst this mass of darkness in the world, there are those destined by God to come to the Light through preaching. Furthermore, once they receive that Light and are taught, they then become reflectors of it and this process continues bringing Reformation in people's lives, families, towns, cities and nations.

Light must always be moving forward and pushing darkness away. To borrow an analogy from hurricanes, if the lights go out, darkness takes over. As this is true physically, so it is also true spiritually. If the Light is ever turned out, darkness takes over instantly. Stay vigilant with us in keeping RCM's spiritual power grid up and running (especially through prayer). Use all means at your disposal in this team effort. We are hooking into more and more local power grids from India, Pakistan, Liberia, Nigeria, Kenya and France drawing more and more cooperation in this world-wide lighting project. It is interesting that the same source of our Light is the same source of their Light so they are compatible. Pray for them, pray for us, and let's work together to bring the Light to many more.

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