

Wednesday in the Word

Digging Deeper

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Colossians 1:12-14

A Contrast of Powers

What power does darkness have? Last week we explored the Glorious Power of God. All surpassing, unrestricted, infinite and eternal. This Glorious Power has saved us through the work of Jesus Christ. This Power surrounds and protects us. This Power is not a force but is truly the very existence of the Person of the Holy Spirit. He has sealed us for eternity and shared His Glory with us because of His all consuming love. He does not shine light on us but He is Light! We exist in that light and are one with Him and through Him. Scientifically, light is energy. Energy is power. Light is responsible for heat, color and the transfer of information. Whole textbooks detail the power of light. Funny thing is none of those books can describe it's origin. Science's laws and principles demand that all energy must have a first cause. The best they can currently offer is to say that a Big Bang happened long ago and became energy which produced the universe and us. What caused the big bang? Theories abound and new science and math are constantly hypothesized to dream up answers that make sense. None ever do. None ever can. Light is a creation of our Eternal God, brought into existence on Day 1. (Genesis 1:1-5) The first cause was the Great I Am who lives outside of time and space. We will experience the Glory of all this when we learn of the true nature of Jesus in verses 15-20 of this chapter. Those of us who have chosen to accept this find we have a meaning and purpose in this amazing existence. It includes reflecting and sharing this Glorious Power and Light. It focuses on our Gracious Savior who spoke the words of John 8:12. John recorded for us what we call "The Seven I Ams". Jesus declared unity with the Father of Lights, perfectly, seven times in that Letter of Love. See James 1:17. Accept all this and live forever. Reject all this and suffer in eternal death. Sorry, but that's the facts.

What power does darkness have? Darkness is defined scientifically as the absence of light. The cold stop of all molecular motion. The shadow created by blocking light. Obscurity, concealment. Webster's Dictionary includes a few interesting additions to these definitions. The lack of knowledge or enlightenment. The presence of wickedness or evil. Hmmm. How could those definitions have made the list? Webster, by the way was a nationalist and a born again Christian. Darkness is the Absence of Light! Darkness is the Existence of Evil! When I used to get ice cream from our basement freezer, I had to shut out the light at the bottom of the stairs. I was sure Frankenstein was chasing me up the stairs on my return trip. Physical darkness is simply the absence of light but our world is in spiritual darkness. And oh, the depth of that darkness! When God created light He said it was good. But barely three chapters into the Bible, darkness made it's presence known. Not by an absence of God's Light but by the rejection of it! Man has continued to reject the Light of God and His Son ever since until now when a very real absence of His Light exists. Men love the darkness. John 3:19. It literally seems to be creeping across our nation and our world. The struggle grows daily. Let's consider God's Word. Matthew 6:23, 1 John 2:9. Yet, we have hope. Matthew 4:16, John 1:5, 12:35, 46, 2 Corinthians 4:6.

Light is Power. In God's Light we have His Power. Matthew 9:8, John 1:12, Acts 10:38, Roman's 1:16, 15:13. Light's absence is darkness. What power does darkness have? Luke 22:53, Ephesians 6:12. We can reason here that the only power darkness has is that which we give it in our rejection of Christ. The power of darkness is formidable when we allow it to reign over us. We are allowing it today in our world, our nation, our families. By letting Christ rule in our hearts and His Will to guide our actions we can overcome evil with the infinitely greater power of God. Acts 26:15-18. Spoken to Paul at his conversion this nonetheless can apply to us as well. See again our text in Colossians 1:13 and 2 Corinthians 4:6.

What power does darkness have? None, if we stand in Jesus' Light. John 11:9, 12:35-36.