

LET THE LIGHT SHINE!

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"In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them." – II Corinthians 4:4.

My friend, when Adam chose to follow the Serpents evil advice and partook of the forbidden fruit, the entire world was plunged into utter chaos and spiritual darkness. It was at that precise moment of disobedience, sin and death slithered into God's perfect world, thereby setting in motion devastating consequences. No longer would Adam and his descendants live without pain, sorrow and suffering. Sickness and disease would wreak havoc on man's perfect health as he was banished from Eden to roam a now, sin cursed planet (this should demonstrate to us the terrible effects of, and the Lord's position on even one sin).

From the moment Adam sinned, a spiritual blackness crept into his soul. The Bible says that both he and his help meet, Eve, hid among the trees and bushes of the garden. They could no longer stand face to face as they had with their Creator; because the light of God's presence pierced their darkened souls and made them realize their guilt and shame. Consequently, Adam's sin and the darkness it carried with it, was passed on to subsequent generations – *"For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God"* – Romans 3:23.

This bleak darkness introduced into the hearts and minds of mankind, furthermore, grows darker as we move farther and farther from the Light of God's presence and the "glorious gospel of Christ". We are taught in the Scriptures that Christ is the "Light of the World", but the Serpent (or Satan), has "blinded" the minds of those still choosing to reject that Light. Accordingly, the more we resist the Light, the more our minds recess into darkness.

I believe that is the condition our country has digressed to. Over time, we have chosen darkness and allowed Satan to push God out of our government, our schools, our homes, and even many churches. It has become darker and darker as we "hid in the bushes" trying to avoid God and the Light of His Son.

Dear Lord, it is time to dispel the darkness and allow the Light of Jesus to shine brighter than ever before – in our nation, our communities, our schools, our homes, and in our personal lives. Help us to let in this wonderful Light and stand in awe as it causes the darkness to flee.

In Jesus name, your son, Pastor Greg.