

CLASS: SS1

SUBJECT: CHRISTIAN RELIGIOUS STUDIES

TOPIC: JESUS AS THE LIGHT AND TRUE VINE

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JESUS AS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

(John 3:19-21, 8:12 and 9:1-15)

Jesus said that the Judgment is that, with His coming into the world; light has come into the world. However, men liked darkness rather than light because their deeds are evil. Jesus further declares that he is the light of the world; he who follows him will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

Again, after Jesus had discharged the woman caught in adultery, he spoke to the people saying:

"I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life"

Furthermore, as the disciples passed by and saw a man blind from birth, they questioned whether the man's blindness was as a result of his sin or that of his parents. Jesus replied:

It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him. We must work the work of him who sent me while it is day; night comes, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world I am the light of the world" (John 9:3-5).

Significance of Jesus as the Light of the world

1. Jesus was constantly referring to Himself as "the light of the world" this Phrase simply means that Jesus is the giver of perfect life.
2. The light He brought to the world is the gospel of the kingdom of God which people must embrace to be save God to inherit eternal life.
3. Christians are expected to reflect the light of God to the non-believers.

JESUS AS THE TRUE VINE

(John 15:1-11)

Jesus referred to Himself as the **True Vine** and His father as the **Vine Dresser**. Every branch of Jesus that does not bear fruit, his father takes away, and every branch that bears fruit His father prunes. A branch cannot bear fruit unless it abides in the Vine. Jesus is the true vine and the Christians are the branches. Christians must abide in the Jesus in order to be fruitful. Any man that fails to abide in Jesus will be cast to wither and be burnt.

Jesus further stated that those who abide by his words and his words abide in them, they would ask whatever they like and it would be done for them. This is because father is glorified when the branches produce fruits. Jesus said that as the father loves him, so He also loves the Christians and that He is saying this, so that the joy of Christians might be full.

Significance of Jesus as the Light of the world

1. Jesus as the true vine signifies that Christians cannot achieve anything on their own except they follow Jesus and trust in Him.
2. The joy of living is complete when we live in Christ ideal will for our lives.
3. If Christians follow Jesus footsteps, they will live a productive and fulfilled life on earth.

ASSIGNMENT

1. What does light symbolize in the bible (state at least three).
2. What does vine symbolize in the bible