

Bible Text:

“So Jesus said to them, ‘The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going.’”

— *John 12:35*

Context & Meaning

In this passage, Jesus is nearing the end of His earthly ministry. He is speaking prophetically, not just about the literal end of His time on earth, but about **the urgency of believing in Him while the opportunity still exists**.

He refers to Himself as “*the Light*”—a common theme throughout the Gospel of John:

“Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, ‘I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.’”

— *John 8:12*

Jesus, the Light, came into a dark world full of sin, confusion, and spiritual blindness (John 1:5). His presence brought truth, hope, and the way to salvation. But He warned His listeners that this Light would not be available forever.

Jesus as the Light of the World

Theologically, “light” represents **revelation, holiness, life, and the very presence of God** (cf. Isaiah 9:2; Psalm 27:1). Jesus fulfills the Old Testament imagery of light. For example:

- **Psalm 119:105:**

“Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.”

Jesus, the incarnate Word (John 1:1), is this guiding Light.

By saying “*the light is with you a little while longer*,” He was telling them:

“You still have a window of grace. Believe in Me now before the chance is gone.”

Spiritual Application: Urgency of Responding to Grace

Jesus’ words emphasize a sobering reality: **grace is available for a time, but not forever.**

“My Spirit shall not strive with man forever.”
— *Genesis 6:3*

During His time on earth, Jesus extended grace primarily to the Jewish people (Matthew 15:24). Many believed—but many more rejected, envied, or dismissed Him. Still, His compassion persisted:

“Jerusalem, Jerusalem... how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing.”

— *Luke 13:34*

Yet Jesus warned them: the Light would soon move on.

And it did. After His resurrection and ascension, the gospel began to spread to the Gentiles:

“Then Paul and Barnabas answered them boldly: ‘We had to speak the word of God to you first. Since you reject it... we now turn to the Gentiles.’”

— *Acts 13:46*

Romans 11 and God’s Plan for Israel and the Nations

Paul affirms this shift in Romans 11:

“I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers and sisters... Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full number of the Gentiles has come in. And in this way all Israel will be saved...”

— *Romans 11:25-26*

Here we learn:

- **Israel’s rejection is temporary.**
- **The gospel is now with the Gentiles (nations).**
- **But this Light too will not remain with us forever.**

This aligns with the divine pattern: **God’s Light moves, but it doesn’t stay forever where it is rejected.**

Timeless Principle: The Light Circulates

Like the sun moves from east to west, so does the gospel. It shines in one region for a time, and then moves on. This was true for Israel. It is true for us.

“Seek the Lord while He may be found; call on Him while He is near.”

— Isaiah 55:6

If you reject the Light now, darkness will eventually overtake you. And once you’re in darkness, you won’t know where you’re going (John 12:35). This is not just ignorance—it’s spiritual lostness.

Walk in the Light While You Still Can

Jesus is calling:

“Walk while you have the light.”

Believe in Him while grace is still extended to you.

Because if you keep resisting, that Light may move on.

“The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going.”
— *John 12:35*

Are you walking in the Light of Christ? Or are you delaying your decision?

Call to Salvation

If you haven't yet come to Jesus:

- Believe in Him.
- Let Him wash away your sins.
- Receive the Light that gives eternal life.

Because without Him, **you cannot overcome the darkness**—not now, not in eternity.

“Believe in the light while you have the light, so that you may become children of light.”

— *John 12:36*

Shalom.

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