

## 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*

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### 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.

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#### 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.”**

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**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*

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**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.**

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**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.

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**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?

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**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*

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## **Shalom.**

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