

LET THERE BE
LIGHT

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- God saying “**Let there be light**” in verse 3 precedes the creation of celestial bodies.
- Regardless of what we might believe about the timing and how to interpret chronology in Genesis 1, there remains a theological point.
- The light of Genesis 1:3 comes before the sun, moon, and stars, so *where does it come from?*

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- The only answer that makes any sense is this: **this light is the radiating glory of God.**
- It was God's glory that first illumined creation.

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- And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for **the glory of God gives it light**, and its lamp is the Lamb. (Revelation 21:23)
- And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for **the Lord God will be their light**, and they will reign forever and ever. (Revelation 22:5)
- Just as God's light was before the rest of creation, so God's glory will shine after it is gone.

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- This is the message that we have heard from him and proclaim to you, **that God is light**, and in him is no darkness at all. (1 John 1:5)
- 2 Corinthians 4:1-6.

...into the World...

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- John 1:1-14.
- John 3:16-21.
- As long as I am in the world, **I am the light of the world.**
(John 9:5)
- **I have come into the world as light,** so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness. (John 14:26)

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- This is what Paul means when he says we are to be “to the praise of His glory” in Ephesians 1.
- We are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. (Ephesians 2:10)
- Matthew 5:14-16.

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- Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure. Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, **among whom you shine as lights in the world**, holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

(Philippians 4:12-18)