

# God is light

## God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. (1 John 1:5)

### How are Light and God alike?

1. Primary
  - a. Light is the first of God's physical creations
  - b. Gen 1:3: "And God said let there be light, and there was light."
  - c. Before the sun or stars or any other light producing object
    - i. God is self existent; not dependent on or proceeding from anything in creation
  - d. Light (electromagnetic energy) is the fundamental basis of all matter and energy
2. Holy and pure
  - a. After creating the light, God separated it from darkness
  - b. Isaiah 5:20: "Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness."
  - c. 2 Cor 6:14: "What fellowship has light with darkness?"
3. Many-in-One
  - a. Light is both wave and particle at the same time
  - b. God is three persons in one: The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit
  - c. The Lord Jesus is wholly God and wholly man
4. Unvarying
  - a. The speed of light (186,000 miles per second) is a fundamental constant of the universe
    - i. Unaffected by relativity, unlike size, weight, and time
    - ii. Used to define the standard meter of length
  - b. James 1:17: "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change."
  - c. Heb 13:8: "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."
5. Unerring
  - a. Compare telegraph wires to fiber optics
  - b. Ps 119:105: "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."
  - c. Ps 119:89-90: "Forever, O Lord, your word is firmly fixed in the heavens. Your faithfulness endures to all generations; you have established the earth, and it stands fast."
6. True
  - a. Light generally travels in a straight line
  - b. Psalm 43:3: "Send out your light and your truth; let them lead me."
7. Revealing
  - a. Visible light lets us see
  - b. C.S. Lewis: "We believe that the sun is in the sky at midday in summer not because we can clearly see the sun (in fact, we cannot) but because we can see everything else."
  - c. Psalm 36:9: "For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light."
  - d. Wisdom is the mental equivalent of light:

- i. Prov 8:22: "The Lord possessed me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of old.
- 8. Cleansing
  - a. Ultraviolet light kills germs and bleaches colors white
  - b. God's glory and holiness is unbearable to sinners
    - i. 1 Tim 6:15-16: he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, 16 who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light
    - ii. Isa 6:5: And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"
  - c. Those who are saved through trust in Christ are made clean.
    - i. Isa 1:18 "...though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool."
- 9. Penetrating
  - a. X-rays are a non-visible form of light (beyond ultraviolet)
  - b. Ps 139:23: "Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts!"
  - c. Heb 4:12: "For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart."
- 10. Warm
  - a. Zech 14:6-7: "On that day there shall be no light, cold, or frost. And there shall be a unique day, which is known to the Lord, neither day nor night, but at evening time there shall be light."

### **God is the master of Light**

- 1. Miracles associated with light
  - a. Sun stands still (Joshua 10)
  - b. Shadow moves backward (2 Kings 20)
  - c. Sun darkened during crucifixion
  - d. Transfiguration (Matt 17:2)
  - e. Saul's conversion (Acts 22:6)

### **In heaven God is the only Light**

- 1. Isa 60:19: "The sun shall be no more your light by day, nor for brightness shall the moon give you light; but the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory."
- 2. Rev 21:23: " 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."