

Summer Solstice Children Of Light

Reading:

Introduction

- Some of you know about Summer Solstice. The relative position of the sun to the earth when there is more sunlight than any other day of the year. This year that day is June 20th
- We are currently closing in on that day. (14 days away, in fact)
- There is a phenomenon called Midnight Sun—also known as polar day. This phenomenon occurs in or near the Arctic and Antarctic regions during summer. In the northernmost city in Alaska, Utqiagvik, the Sun is visible above the horizon for about 82 days, from around May 11 to August 1. So it's daytime all the time.
- Almost sounds like Heaven

Revelation 22:5 There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever.

- Night and Darkness have been closely associated with evil.

1 Thess. 5:7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night.

- Sleep and night references sinful acts
- Does sin ever occur in the daytime? Of course, it does.
- It also references inability to see or understand what is sinful
- Remember Jesus?

Luke 23:34 Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for **they do not know** what they do." And they divided His garments and cast lots.

- "They divided His garments" almost emphasizes the point that they didn't know what they were doing
- Do we know what we're doing? Are we in darkness? Are we in sin and we don't even know it?
- Do we think we're not sinners because we're not committing some crime? Or we haven't committed some grievous sin? That we're only committing sin that is acceptable to others, not the unacceptable kind?
- Paul says, don't live in the darkness, but live in the light...

1 Thess. 5:5–10 You are all **sons of light** and **sons of the day**. We are not of the night nor of darkness. Therefore, **let us not sleep**, as others *do*, but **let us watch** and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. But **let us** who are of the day **be sober**, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation. For God did not appoint us to wrath, but **to obtain salvation** through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, **we should live together with Him**.

1. God Is Light

1 John 1:5 This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

James 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.

- God Is the Source of Light, or enlightenment, or knowledge
 - People think they know so much, but we really know so little
 - The universe is so vast and yet we don't even know all we can about this planet.
 - We don't even know all we can about our bodies
- God knows all:

John 2:24–25 Jesus did not commit Himself to them, because He knew all *men*, and had no need that anyone should testify of man, for He knew what was in man.

Hebrews 4:13 there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things *are* naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we *must give* account.

- Why usually think of this with regard to judgement.
 - Shouldn't we think of this instead with regard to revelation?
 - We try to hide things. But there is no hiding.
 - We don't want to be judged, but sin is judged.
 - We know our sins! We just don't want others to know them.
 - God knows and light reveals all our sins.

2. We are Children of Light and Children of Day 1 Thess. 5:5

- Meaning: We are Children of God

Matthew 5:14–16 "**You** are the light of the world. ... 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify **your Father** in heaven.

- Whatever characterizes God, characterizes us because He is our Father

Galatians 5:22–23 the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.

- These characterize God
- Therefore, they characterize us

3. Therefore, Let Us Not Sleep

- Let us not die in our sins, or be unaware of our sins
 - Let us be light to repair the sins, to heal them, to forgive them
 - Let us provide light to a dark world, not simply to reveal their sins, but to heal them from their sins, to provide light for the path so it can also be clearly seen.
- Where there is light, darkness is destroyed. Darkness cannot survive.
- We are Children Of Light, we destroy the sin, and save the Soul