

1 Peter 2:4-10 Part G

1Pe 2:9 (NKJV) **But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; ¹⁰ who once *were* not a people but *are* now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.**

As we saw in the last study, in v9 Peter says that believers have been “**called...out of darkness into His marvelous light**”, and we tried to understand exactly what the idea of “**darkness**” meant and how it continues to impact our lives. We now want to see what it means to be “**called...into His marvelous light**”. The first recorded words of God in the Bible are “**let there be light**” ([Genesis 1:3](#)). In [1 John 1:5](#), God is referred to as “**light**”.

1Jn 1:5 (NKJV) **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.**

In [John 1:4](#) Jesus is said to be both the “**life**” and the “**light of men**”.

Jn 1:4 (NKJV) **In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.**

In [John 8:12](#), Jesus made this remarkable statement when He said,

Jn 8:12 (NKJV) **Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."**

One of the most condemning of all verses in the Bible is [John 3:19](#) which says,

Jn 3:19 (NKJV) **And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.**

[Isaiah 5:20](#) gives a very serious warning about the impact of perverting spiritual light,

Isa 5:20 (NKJV) **Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!**

Here is the issue for us who are believers - we were called “**out of darkness**” and we have been “**called into His marvelous light**”. No wonder Jesus made this statement in [Matthew 5:14](#) when He said,

Mt 5:14 (NKJV) **You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.**

He did not say that “you should be the light of the world” or “you could be the light of the world”. To the contrary, He said that “**you are the light of the world**”. Right now, everyone of us are representing God properly or representing God improperly. The responsibility that being the “**light of the world**” places on the believer is very important, very significant. What actually happened in our lives at salvation is that God revealed to our minds what is actually true, what is of God. Then He gave us the permanent ability to discern truth, as well as the permanent ability to apply it to our lives.

So, think of our responsibilities to the “**light**” that we have been given this way. If we as believers do not live in obedience to God’s Word, to the truth of the Scriptures, and to the “**light**” that God has given to us, then in reality our life is totally misrepresenting God. He has made us His ambassadors, His representatives, His children, and if we do not represent Him properly to others, then in reality we, not

the devil, not demons, not lost people, not the news – but we have perverted, corrupted, tainted, and completely distorted the glorious Person of Christ. We have misrepresented God and Christ and truth to those who know us. Knowing the truth makes us fully responsible to the truth and to uphold its truthfulness to others.

Here is what has happened to us and it is critical to both understand and appreciate the impact of what Peter is saying in v9. We were taken **“out of”** the realm of evil, sin, and death, and we were then placed **“into”** the realm of truth and life. Obviously, this was no small event for the person who has been saved – to go from a realm of from evil and death into a kingdom of truth and life. The two prepositional words - **“out of”** (Gr.- *“ek”*) and **“into”** (Gr. – *“eis”*) are very important. Why? It is because a preposition is a word that helps express the relationship between two or more words in a phrase or sentence. Both of these prepositions are referred to in the Greek language as “prepositions of direction” that take someone out of or into a place, a time, or a cause. Typically, a preposition has an object. In our case, the object of **“out of”** is **“darkness”**, and the object of **“into”** is **“light”**.

The prepositional phrase **“out of”** denotes the origin – the point from where the action begins, and in this case it is referring to a specific place out of which the unbeliever was removed, specifically a place of spiritual darkness. As a believer, you have been totally removed out of that realm. It used to be that no matter how intelligent or how educated you were, you still had no ability on your own to see and understand the truth or to somehow remove yourself from the realm of darkness. It was not as if we were so smart that we could personally see through all of the lies and deception of the world system that is dominated and controlled by Satan. To the very contrary, we were the ones who had been duped and fooled into believing that those who were Christians were the ones who had been hoodwinked. The lost man sees us stupid, brainless, unintelligent.

We also saw that the realm of darkness is literally a kingdom, a dominion, an empire that is controlled by Satan who is called the **“god of this world”**, or this world system with all of its false ideas, thoughts, impulses, goals, feelings, sentiments, views, attitudes, outlooks, theories, plans, philosophies, schemes, speculations, assumptions, and suppositions. A fish lives in a realm of water, and if the fish is removed from that realm it will die. It has no power to live outside of the realm of water in which it finds itself. So, the lost person, no matter how intelligent or creative they may be will always be worldly minded until God intervenes in their life. God is the only One who can transfer them from one kingdom to another kingdom, from one realm to another realm, from darkness to light. It literally has nothing to do with personal intelligence or being a strong thinker. [Colossians 1:13](#) says it this way,

Col 1:13 (NKJV) **He (God) has delivered (rescued, removed) us from the power of darkness and conveyed (transferred, to place) us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,**

If the preposition **“out of”** represents the point of origin, then the preposition **“into”** represents the point that is reached or entered. It can also refer to a place, a time, or a cause, and in this case refers primarily to the result. So, as a believer two things have happened to you over which you had no control. First, you were removed from one realm and then secondly, you were placed into another realm. It was all of God. You were in **“darkness”** – a realm of total and complete sin, depravity, and hopelessness from which and over which you had no power. It was in complete control of your life and you never knew it. However, now and forever, you are in the **“light”** – in the realm and sphere of God, His Son, His Spirit,

and His truth. In fact, now you can never escape the light. It use to be that if you did something completely outside of God’s boundaries that it was a “never no mind”. It did not bother you, it did not disturb you, it did not trouble you in the least. However, now that you are in the light, doing what is outside of God’s will always disturbs you. That is one really good way to determine if you truly are saved – does disobeying God bother me, disturb me, and make me incredibly uncomfortable. It should – right. I know people who come to church, listen, and leave. The Word of God makes no impact on them. In fact, they are extremely bored in a church setting where the Word of God is being taught. They think the teacher is boring, that being there is a waste of time, and that if they could have made a choice that they would never have come in the first place. Then, once outside of that religious setting, they feel more than comfortable living in sin and being disobedient to God. It is a “never no mind” to them.

In Satan’s realm, you were totally unprotected. You were defenseless because the ruler of this world who was completely against you, you could not see. At every turn, you were totally exposed, isolated, unshielded, and completely vulnerable to lies and deception. However, in God’s kingdom, in God’s realm you are completely protected and shielded from the realm of “**darkness**”. Listen very carefully. The “**darkness**” cannot overtake you or overwhelm you. John wrote this in [1 John 4:4](#),

1Jn 4:4 (NKJV) You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

[Romans 8:37-39](#) proclaims,

Ro 8:37 (NKJV) Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.
³⁸ For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.