



Illumination
Daniel 2:22

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- Imagine you walk into a darkened room, and something rather large catches your attention lurking trying to hide in the corner
 - Or you walk into a dark barn or shed and suddenly you hear a loud growl or maybe a hiss
 - These events always sound bigger, louder, and more dangerous because of our imagination coupled with fear or apprehension

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- What do you need at this point?
 - Illumination – light to provide information that leads to understanding so you can respond properly
 - Illumination – refers to the dawn of understanding, spiritual awaking, or the moment a complex idea suddenly clicks in our mind
 - A sudden burst of insight, understanding, or spiritual awakening

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- There is another situation where we need illumination
 - Suppose you discover there is a monster hiding in the corner of your room
 - You get distracted looking for something to help you deal with it and fail to do anything about it
 - It startles you the next day, you notice it the day after and soon you forget it is even there – you just don't see it even when it is in plain sight
 - You take it for granted
- You need the dawn of understanding to click in here as well

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- This is where we are at in taking Communion or The Lord's Supper
 - Like the monster ignored in the corner of your room, we speak of the Lord's death, burial and resurrection every week
 - We sing of it, identify it, thank God for it,
 - But do we fail to properly hold its full meaning and impact in our hearts and minds this morning
 - Is it too familiar at times?
 - Are we failing to give it its proper place of importance in our lives this morning

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 - Do we need God to renew His illumination in our lives this morning
 - Do we need this complex idea of death, burial, resurrection and salvation to click on once again and become real to us
 - The only way this happens is if God's Holy Spirit brings a freshness once again
- Do I need God's illumination in my life this morning and if yes, where do I look for it?

Scripture

- **Daniel 2:22 ESV**, “He reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with him.”
 - **AMP**, “It is He who reveals the profound and hidden things; He knows what is in the darkness, And the light dwells with Him.”

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 - **John 8:12 ESV**, 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.”
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 - Direction: Following God’s teachings removes spiritual ignorance and moral confusion

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 - Salvation and Vitality: Darkness represents separation from God and spiritual death
 - Having the "light of life" is an assurance of a restored, eternal relationship with the Creator
 - Divine Identity: Jesus has divine authority to illuminate God’s truth for all areas of our lives

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- Jesus promises His believers His “light of life” through the Word of God under the direction, illumination and guidance of the Holy Spirit
 - **John 14:18 ESV**, “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.”
 - **John 16:13 ESV**, “When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all (*complete*) the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.”

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 - **Acts 2:38 ESV**, And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”
 - **John 14:17 ESV**, “Even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.”

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- God is providing illumination to us this morning through His Word, if you will receive it
 - We need to allow His Holy Spirit to do the divine act of enlightening our understanding and insights into the truths of Scripture
 - **Psalm 119:105 ESV**, “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”
 - **Psalm 119:130 ESV**, “The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple.”

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 - **Psalm 119:73 ESV**, “Your hands have made and fashioned me; give me understanding that I may learn your commandments.”
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 - **Psalm 119:32 AMP**, “I will run the way of Your commandments [with purpose], For You will give me a heart that is willing.”
 - **Ephesians 1:18 AMP**, “And [I pray] that the eyes of your heart [the very center and core of your being] may be enlightened [flooded with light by the Holy Spirit],
 - so that you will know and cherish the hope [the divine guarantee, the confident expectation] to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints (God’s people)”

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- Open The Eyes of My Heart

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You, I want to see You

To see You high and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your pow'r and love
As we sing holy, holy, holy