

## The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany ~ Sunday, January 18, 2026

### “Living in the Light: God’s Word”

Psalm 119:105-112 // 2 Timothy 3:10-17 // Luke 4:16-21

#### What does it look like to shape our everyday lives by that Light?

Not just what we believe on Sunday, but how we \_\_\_\_\_ on Monday. Not just what we \_\_\_\_\_ in worship, but how we walk in the ordinary moments of everyday life.

We’re not defined by our successes or our failures, our productivity or our weaknesses, our hopes or our fears, but by God’s \_\_\_\_\_ over us that we are His beloved children, \_\_\_\_\_ into His family through the finished work of Christ.

Living in the light begins there—with who we are in \_\_\_\_\_—and everything else flows from there.

In a world full of conflicting voices, God’s Word is \_\_\_\_\_, faithful, and true.

#### #1: God’s Word \_\_\_\_\_.

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor...to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.... “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” (Luke 4:18-19, 21)

The Word of God is no longer just ink on a scroll; it’s \_\_\_\_\_ right in front of them.

The Bible isn’t just a rule book, it’s not just a \_\_\_\_\_ handbook or a collection of inspiring religious thoughts. It’s a \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus.

The Word of God isn’t just something we study; it’s something that \_\_\_\_\_ us to Someone. Christ is the Light and Scripture is the \_\_\_\_\_ that leads us to Him.

Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_. If we stop at the text and never arrive at the living Lord, we’ve missed not just the point, but the heart of it.

The Word was no longer just written. It was \_\_\_\_\_. Living, breathing, and standing before them.

The Bible isn’t an \_\_\_\_\_ in itself; it’s a gift that \_\_\_\_\_ beyond itself—to the God who speaks, and to the Son who reveals Him fully and perfectly.

This is why the Church reads the Old Testament in the light of \_\_\_\_\_. Not because it’s outdated, but because it’s \_\_\_\_\_. Not because it’s replaced, but because it’s \_\_\_\_\_.

If God’s Word reveals Christ, then our reading of Scripture is never meant to be merely \_\_\_\_\_ or detached.

#### What does this show me about Jesus?

#### What does this reveal about His heart?

#### Where do I see His mercy, His authority, His patience, His truth?

This changes the \_\_\_\_\_ of our reading. The Bible becomes less like a textbook to master and more like a \_\_\_\_\_ through which we meet the living Lord.

It also changes how we worship. When Scripture is read aloud on Sunday morning, it’s not simply \_\_\_\_\_ being delivered. It’s Christ \_\_\_\_\_ His people.

Christ is still revealing Himself through His Word—quietly, \_\_\_\_\_, week after week.

To live in the light, then, is to become people who expect to \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus in Scripture. Not just to learn about Him, but to actually encounter Him. To be challenged by Him, comforted by Him, \_\_\_\_\_ by Him, drawn again into trust and \_\_\_\_\_ by Him.

#### #2: God’s Word \_\_\_\_\_.

“All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, and for training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.” (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

**inspired = *theo-pneustos* =**

Paul is saying here that Scripture isn’t just human \_\_\_\_\_ about God; it’s the \_\_\_\_\_ of God given shape in human language. It carries divine life within it. And because of that, it’s not just revealing, it doesn’t just inform us, it \_\_\_\_\_ us.

- teaching - shapes our \_\_\_\_\_
- rebuking - \_\_\_\_\_ what’s false
- correcting - setting us back on the \_\_\_\_\_ path
- training - slowly forms our \_\_\_\_\_ over time

This isn’t the language of \_\_\_\_\_ transformation, it’s the language of patient \_\_\_\_\_. Scripture works on us over time. It teaches us how to think. It

exposes what's \_\_\_\_\_. It gently straightens what has bent. It trains us in the habits of \_\_\_\_\_.

Not to make us \_\_\_\_\_ Christians. Not to win arguments. Not to feel spiritually \_\_\_\_\_.

So that our lives may slowly, faithfully, and quietly \_\_\_\_\_ the light of Christ.

Scripture shapes us \_\_\_\_\_, through repeated exposure, steady listening, and patient \_\_\_\_\_. We may not notice the change from week to week, but over years, a life rooted in God's Word begins to look different: steadier, gentler, wiser, more \_\_\_\_\_, more resilient.

Some treat Scripture a source of \_\_\_\_\_—as facts to be mastered, doctrines to be catalogued, verses to be explained. Others treat it as a source of \_\_\_\_\_—a place to find reassurance, but not \_\_\_\_\_.

Paul \_\_\_\_\_ both of these approaches. Scripture comforts, yes. But it also \_\_\_\_\_. It reassures, yes. But it also \_\_\_\_\_.

To live in the light isn't simply to feel affirmed; it's to be \_\_\_\_\_. And formation always involves \_\_\_\_\_.

Sometimes Scripture challenges \_\_\_\_\_ we've grown comfortable with. Sometimes it questions \_\_\_\_\_ we didn't realize we were making. Sometimes it invites us to release \_\_\_\_\_ that feel safe, but are slowly hollowing us out. This isn't punishment, it's \_\_\_\_\_.

**Do we come to God's Word only to confirm what we already believe?  
Or do we come willing to be taught, corrected, re-directed?**

Living in the light of God's Word means placing ourselves, again and again, under its \_\_\_\_\_ influence. It means listening even when it is uncomfortable, trusting even when it \_\_\_\_\_ us, returning to it not because we have mastered it, but because we \_\_\_\_\_ it.

### **#3: God's Word \_\_\_\_\_.**

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." (Psalm 119:1-5)

He doesn't say that God's Word is a \_\_\_\_\_ that shows the entire road ahead. He doesn't say it is a floodlight that removes all \_\_\_\_\_ or confusion. He says it's a lamp. A small, \_\_\_\_\_, faithful light that gives just enough illumination for the next step.

To live in the light isn't to live with all our questions \_\_\_\_\_. It's to live with enough light to walk \_\_\_\_\_, one step at a time even when the road ahead is still partially hidden.

God's Word doesn't promise complete \_\_\_\_\_. It promises faithful \_\_\_\_\_.

We live in a world that demands \_\_\_\_\_ gratification, quick answers, and complete explanations. As a result, we can be \_\_\_\_\_ with mystery, and impatient with \_\_\_\_\_ clarity.

Scripture teaches us to \_\_\_\_\_ the God who walks with us, rather than demanding \_\_\_\_\_ over the road ahead.

Psalm 119 wasn't written by someone who finds life \_\_\_\_\_. The psalmist speaks of affliction, opposition, and hardship. And yet again and again, he returns to this truth: God's Word is his \_\_\_\_\_, his guide, and his stability. It doesn't remove struggle, it sustains \_\_\_\_\_ within it.

Living in the light of God's Word means returning to Scripture not only for understanding, but for \_\_\_\_\_.

**What is the faithful step today?  
Where is God inviting obedience now?  
How can I walk with integrity in this moment?**

"I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to observe your righteous ordinances."  
(Psalm 119:106)

This is the language of \_\_\_\_\_. Not to perfection, but to faithfulness. Not to certainty, but to \_\_\_\_\_.

To live in the light is to choose, again and again, to place our next step within the circle of God's \_\_\_\_\_, trusting that the One who gives the light also knows the way.

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Living in the light, then, is not about having all the \_\_\_\_\_. It is about trusting the One who gives the light. It's about returning to Scripture not as a duty, but as a \_\_\_\_\_. Not as a weapon, but as a gift. Not as something we master, but as something that \_\_\_\_\_ us.

In a world full of noise, Scripture remains \_\_\_\_\_. In a world full of confusion, Scripture remains \_\_\_\_\_. In a world full of shifting truths, Scripture remains \_\_\_\_\_. And most of all, Scripture keeps leading us back to \_\_\_\_\_. Again and again. Patiently. Faithfully.