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and the darkness did not comprehend it.

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Main Point

The children of God are those who are born of God and who believe in the gospel and take hold of Christ as the Light of their lives.



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what does He have to do with it?

Who is the Light?

The Light is the eternal Word.

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What does the Word have to do with it?

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The Word is the source of all life.

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All life, *including especially eternal life*, is generated by the Word and found exclusively in the Word, **who is Jesus Christ.**

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Light for life comes from Him alone

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Why?

John 9:1

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John 9:39-41

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so that **those who do not see** may see,
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If you would own your blindness!

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What blindness?

Romans 1:21

For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God, or give thanks; but they became futile in their speculations, and **their foolish heart was darkened.**

Why is the Light rejected?

Because the world is blind and does not know Him.

**Because His people are stubborn
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Continuing Rejection

Acts 13:45-46

But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy, and began contradicting the things spoken by Paul, and were blaspheming. And Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly and said, “It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken to you first; since **you repudiate it**, and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles.”



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Isn't it just a matter of receiving Him?

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If you were blind, what would it
take to give yourself sight?

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

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What would it take for you to become a natural born citizen?

John 3:3 and 6

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If you are to be received into
the kingdom of God, you must
become a natural born citizen
of His kingdom:

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Receive = “take hold of, grasp”

Taking and keeping hold of Christ
is the foremost evidence that
you have been born of God and
believe the gospel.

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Receive Him as the Light of your life!

Conclusion:

Ephesians 5:8

For you were formerly darkness,
but now you are light in the Lord...

[Have you become light in the Lord?]

...walk as children of light.