

AWAKE, ARISE, CHRIST SHALL GIVE THEE LIGHT

“But all things that are reprov'd are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light. Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.” (Eph 5: 13-14)

In order to be reprov'd from every false way we need light. That light is Christ himself given us through the preaching of the light of the gospel.

Christ said, *“I am the light of the world.”* (Jn 9: 4-5) And it is through the light of his gospel that God gives his people light—*“the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest **the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.** For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. **For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.** But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.”* (2Co 4:5-7)

This is how Christ brings his people to believe on him. As we hear the light of the glorious gospel of Christ preached the Spirit of God reprov's us effectually, *“Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest. Arise from the dead.”* When he gives this command he irresistibly awakens us, we arise and *“Christ shall give thee light.”*

Then how the children of Light rejoice! What particular grace! Christ does not do this for all, only for his redeemed! *“Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.”* (Isa 60:1-2)