

"And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day." Genesis 1:3-5

Light came first, because God is Light and He is before all else. Before anything can exist, God has to create it. It is by Him that all things consist. God appears on the dawn of creation and permeates it with His illuminating presence and calls it the first day. The first day became, because He was there. Light and darkness cannot co-exist. He separated the darkness from Himself and called it "night." Darkness reminds us of what it is like without God. With more light, vision becomes clearer and the brighter colors appear. We make sure that classrooms are well lighted. Light also refers to instruction. The teacher "illuminates" the student. If a

person suddenly understands something, we say it "dawned" on them. A well educated person is referred to as being "bright." The Word of God, Jesus, is called "The Light of the World." The Light of the Gospel "shines" on the sin darkened soul and illuminates it with the Truth. The Light of Truth transforms sinners into saints and creates "new creatures." Before salvation of a soul can occur, there must be a "shining" of the Glorious Light of the Gospel, God's Word. Jesus said that when He left, we would be the Light of the World, because we have the Blessed Holy Spirit indwelling us and shining forth through our witness. We illuminate lies and hypocrisy with the Truth of God's Word. It allows sinners to "see" the error of their ways. The first day of creation illustrates for us that before there can be anything new, God must be present. His presence is Light and Power. He makes all else possible. Every sunrise is a reminder of His Glorious Presence and Power.

There is no night when God appears,
His Light the night and darkness shears,
Illuminating pow'r Divine,
Makes all it touches brightly shine. ~CGP

God allowed His presence to permeate our lives and transformed us into saints and heirs of Glory. We no longer serve darkness. We are the children of the Day, and soon, night will fade forever.

"And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever." Revelation 22:5

