

Review: Dispensations; Distinctions between the Rapture & the Second Advent, 1 Thess 5:1-11; John's Contrast between Light & Darkness

23. John's contrast between light and darkness sets up his analysis of the conflict that exists in the Invisible War between the plan of God and the plan of Satan. Each is a power system; each has attributes that promote its respective plan.
24. The "light" is based on the system Jesus Christ proved reliable by experimentation in the Incarnation. He applied the prototype spiritual life while running the gauntlet of attacks from Satan and the Sanhedrin, Roman and Judean authorities, Hellenic and Hebraic cultures, Pagan and Jewish religion, and the faltering support and even betrayal of His disciples.
25. The Lord bequeathed this Light System to believers of the Church Age where it becomes operational with the filling of the Holy Spirit. The system has eight categories that interlock to provide the believer with the spiritual environment necessary for him to serve God.