
In our last podcast, we talked about the Tree of Life and how its leaves provide shade from the heat and how its fruit never runs dry, never stops producing. Suddenly, the **Code** switched up the context from **ETERNITY NOW** to **ETERNITY THEN**. Then, in the future, there will be no cursed thing, anything that is anathema. The throne of the Lamb will be located in the midst of His bride, His bondservants, and He will adjudicate those of the nations who come to Him for justice. His bondservants will volitionally serve Him, for they will see His face, and His name will be inscribed on their foreheads as a symbol of their belonging.

Let's pick back up with a mixture of **ETERNITY THEN** and **ETERNITY NOW**.

EP193 Revelation 22:5

No Night, No Lamp, No Sun

No Night

Revelation 22:5

And there will in the future choose to no longer be any night; and they do not **now** have need of the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun, for the Lord God will in the future illumine them; and they will in the future reign forever and ever."

The use of the **Code** and the intermixing of the imagery of night (or darkness), the light of a lamp, and the light of the sun, all in contrast to how God **now** brings illumination or understanding to His Bride. This passage is addressing both **ETERNITY THEN** and **ETERNITY NOW**.

The promise that there will choose to no longer be any night is a promise rendered in the *future* tense and is therefore speaking of **ETERNITY THEN**. But having no need of any external means of light is rendered in the *present* tense and should therefore have been translated, "*they do not **now** have need.*" This is clearly addressing **ETERNITY NOW**.

This is a promise that comes straight from the **Codex**.

Isaiah 60:19-20

No longer will you have the sun for light by day, nor for brightness will the moon give you light; but you will have **Yahweh** for an everlasting light, and your God for your glory. Your sun will no longer set, nor will your moon wane; for you will have **Yahweh** for an everlasting light, and the days of your mourning will be over.

This imagery of night speaks of darkness or the lack of spiritual illumination, the lack of understanding, the lack of clarity which consumes mankind unless they are illuminated by the Light, which is Jesus. The book of **John** uses these same metaphors to communicate the same message.

John 11:9-11

Are there **now** not twelve hours in the day? If anyone may **now** walk in the day, he does not **now** stumble, because he **now** sees the light of this world. But if anyone may **now** walk in the night, he **now** stumbles, because the light **now** is not in him.

John 8:12-13

Then Jesus again spoke to them, **now** saying, "I **now** am the **light** of the world; he who is **now** following Me may not walk in the **darkness** but will in the future have the light of life.¹

John 9:4-5

We **now** must choose to **now** work the works of Him who has been sending Me as long as it **now** is day; **night** chooses to **now** come when no one can **now** be caused to **now** choose to work. While in the world, I **now** am the Light of the world.

John 12:44-47

And Jesus cried out and said, "He who is **now** believing in Me, does not **now** believe in Me but in Him who has been sending Me. He who is **now** seeing Me **now** sees the One who has been sending Me. I, light, have come into the world, so that everyone who is **now** believing in Me may not remain in darkness.

John 12:35-36

So, Jesus said to them, "For a little while longer the **light** is **now** among you. You are command to **now** walk while you **now** have the Light, so that darkness may not overtake you; he who is **now** walking in the darkness does not know where he **now** goes. While you **now** have the light, you are commanded to **now** believe in the light, so that you may choose to become sons of Light.

There is a time coming, a time of night or darkness, where there will be no Light in this world. Jesus is the Light; therefore, and if He lives in and through His bondservants, there will be light in this world. Jesus told His disciples: "*You **now** are the light of the world...*" "*Let your light be commanded to shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works and may glorify your Father who is in heaven.*"²

However, when the rapture takes place and the bondservants of Jesus Christ, those who are now overcoming, are taken to be with Jesus, this world and all its inhabitants will experience a time of unparalleled **darkness** having no spiritual light to illumine their way. This will be a time of terror where no one can do the works of God, for there will be no Light of life available to them. This will be a time of

¹ See also **John 9:5**

² **Matthew 5:14, 16**

deepest darkness.

Revelation 6:12

I watched as the Lamb broke the sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake. The sun became as dark as black cloth, and the moon became as red as blood.

Revelation 8:12

Then the fourth angel blew his trumpet, and one-third of the sun was struck, and one-third of the moon, and one-third of the stars, and they became dark. And one-third of the day was dark, and also one-third of the night.

Revelation 16:10

Then the fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom was plunged into darkness. His subjects ground their teeth in anguish ...

Yet, in **ETERNITY THEN**, there will choose to no longer be any night. No one will ever need to worry ever again about the type of spiritual darkness that occurs when the one who is the Light is absent from their lives. After all, He promises His bride that He will never leave her nor forsake her, and that where He is there they will always be.³

There Is Now No Need

With that said, even now (**ETERNITY NOW**) His bondservants do not *now* have need of the light of the lamp nor the light of the sun to gain illumination or understanding (it is rendered in the *present* tense).

Light of the Lamp

So, what is meant by the light of the lamp?

The light of the lamp speaks of the temporary means by which we seek to gain understanding through various teachers of the Word of God, through prophetic realization, and through the vehicle of the church. In **Revelation 1:20**, the seven churches are pictured as lamps which bring forth His light.⁴

For instance, the **Codex** tells us that John the Baptist was a “*lamp*,” and his message was “*light*” in which others temporarily rejoiced.⁵ He was not the light of men, but he was a means by which others could gain illumination or understanding of God. King David had a similar role and was considered the lamp of Israel.⁶

The Apostle Peter tells us, “*So we now have the prophetic word made more sure to which you now do*

³ See **John 14:2-3; 1 Thessalonians 4:17; Hebrews 13:5**

⁴ **Revelation 2-3**

⁵ **John 5:33-35**

⁶ **2 Samuel 21:17**

well to **now** be paying attention as to a lamp **now** shining in a dark place, until the day may dawn and the morning star may arise in your hearts.”⁷

King David tells us that the written word of God is a lamp unto our feet and a light to our path.⁸ And King Solomon tells us that the commandment of God is a light, and the teaching is a light.⁹

Light of the Sun

In like manner (and drawing from the imagery in **Revelation 12** and elsewhere in the **Codex**), the sun is also a temporary means of light, or provision for spiritual understanding. The imagery of the sun is **Code** and derives from a prophetic dream which Joseph (one of Jacob’s sons) had when he was a boy.¹⁰ In this dream the sun, moon, and eleven stars bowed low before him. His father Jacob (who was also named Israel) rebuked him and said, “*What do you mean?*” “*Will your mother, brothers, and I actually come and bow before you?*”

In this dream, Jacob is pictured as the sun. As we know, Jacob was the father of the 12 sons which formed the 12-tribes of Israel. He is pictured as the head, the sun, the overall covering for his family and administrator of the family affairs. Therefore, this image of the sun would capture the entirety of Judaism (from which Christianity emerged) which has provided a source of light and a covering to a world that would otherwise be consumed in darkness, as **Yahweh** chose Israel to be the source from which would come the light to the nations.¹¹

With the coming of the one who is the Light, the religious covering, which was always meant to be a temporary provision, is no longer needed to find our way out of darkness, for Jesus is the light of the world.¹²

Illumination

“... and they do not **now** have need of the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun, for the Lord God will in the **future** illumine them ...”

So, let’s tie this all together, but with one additional twist. The **Code** switches from the *present* tense to the *future* tense, “for the Lord God will in the **future** illumine them.” In **ETERNITY THEN**, we will be fully illuminated, shining with the glory of God, and it will be an expression of the Lord God, for we will be like Him. We will be light. As Daniel prophesied, “*Those who have insight will shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of heaven, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.*”¹³

It might seem odd that the bondservants of Jesus Christ do not now have need of a lamp (teachers, prophets, leaders) or a need for the sun (the covering of religion). This is because they have an anointing from the Holy One

The Spirit explained it this way, “*I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but*

⁷ **2Peter 1:19**

⁸ **Psalm 119:105**

⁹ **Proverbs 6:23**

¹⁰ See **Genesis 37:9-10**

¹¹ **Isaiah 9:2, 42:6, 9, 51:4, 60:1-3; Matthew 4:16; Acts 13:47.** See also **Romans 2:17-24**

¹² **John 9:5.** See also **Galatians 3:24**

¹³ **Daniel 12:3**

*because you have known it, and because no lie is **now** of the truth.”¹⁴ “As for you, the anointing which you received from Him **now** abides in you, and you **now** have no need for anyone that they may **now** teach you; but as His anointing **now** teaches you about all things, and is **now** true and is **now** not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you **now** abide in Him.”¹⁵*

The Spirit makes the point that because the Holy Spirit lives within them, He will teach them what they need to know, and it is what they know already, what they learned from the various lamps and from abiding under the sun. For instance, here are a few obvious examples which John gives us of things we already know:

- If anyone may **now** walk in the day, he does not **now** stumble, because he **now** sees the light of this world. But if anyone may **now** walk in the night, he **now** stumbles, because the light is **now** not in him.¹⁶
- Our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ¹⁷
- God **now** is Light, and in Him there **now** is no darkness at all. If we may say that we **now** have fellowship with Him and may walk in the darkness, we **now** choose to lie and do not **now** practice the truth; but if we may **now** walk in the Light as He Himself is **now** in the Light, we **now** have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son **now** cleanses us from all sin.¹⁸
- If we may **now** confess our sins, He **now** is faithful and righteous to possibly forgive us our sins and possibly cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we may say that we have not sinned, we **now** make Him a liar and His word is not **now** in us.¹⁹
- The one who is **now** saying he is **now** in the Light and yet is **now** hating his brother is **now** in the darkness until now. The one who is **now** loving his brother **now** abides in the Light and there **now** is no cause for stumbling in him. But the one who is **now** hating his brother is **now** in the darkness and **now** walks in the darkness and does not know where he is **now** going because the darkness has blinded his eyes.²⁰
- If you know that He **now** is righteous, you **now** know that everyone also who is **now** practicing righteousness has been caused to be born of Him.²¹
- Everyone who is **now** practicing sin also **now** practices lawlessness; and sin **now** is lawlessness. You have known that He was caused to appear so that He may take away sins; and in Him there **now** is no sin. No one who is **now** abiding in Him **now** sins; no one who is **now** sinning has seen

¹⁴ **1 John 2:21**

¹⁵ **1 John 2:27**

¹⁶ **John 11:9-10**

¹⁷ **1 John 1:3**

¹⁸ **1 John 1:5-7**

¹⁹ **1 John 1:9-10**. Note: “confess,” “forgive,” and “cleanse” are all rendered in the subjunctive mood indicating not a certainty but a possibility. It is the difference between “may” and “will”.

²⁰ **1 John 2:9-11**

²¹ **1 John 2:29**

Him or has known Him.²²

- And if anyone may sin, we **now** have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and He Himself **now** is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world.²³
- By this we **now** know that we are in Him: the one who is **now** saying he **now** abides in Him **now** ought himself to **now** walk in the same manner as He walked.²⁴
- If anyone may **now** love the world, the love of the Father is not **now** in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of flesh and the lust of eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not **now** from the Father but **now** is from the world.²⁵
- This **now** is the promise which He Himself chose to make to us: eternal life.²⁶
- You are commanded to see how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we may be caused to be called children of God; and such we **now** are. For this reason, the world does not **now** know us, because it did not know Him.²⁷
- **Beloved**, we **now** are children of God. It has not yet been caused to appear what we will choose, in the **future**, to be like. We know that when He may be caused to appear, we will choose, in the **future**, to be like Him, because we will choose, in the **future**, to see Him just as He **now** is. And everyone who is **now** having this hope fixed on Him **now** purifies himself, just as He **now** is pure.²⁸
- Little children, make sure no one is **now** commanded to deceive you; the one who is **now** practicing righteousness **now** is righteous, just as He **now** is righteous; the one who is **now** practicing sin is **now** of the devil; for the devil **now** sins from the beginning.²⁹
- By this the children of God and the children of the devil are **now** obvious: anyone who **now** is not **now** practicing righteousness is **now** not of God, nor the one who is not **now** loving his brother.³⁰
- For this **now** is the message which you have heard from the beginning, that we **now** should love one another.³¹
- You are commanded to not **now** be surprised, **brethren**, if the world **now** hates you. We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brethren.³²
- We have known love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we **now** ought to lay down

²² **1 John 3:4-6**

²³ **1 John 2:1-2**

²⁴ **1 John 2:5-6**

²⁵ **1 John 2:15-16**

²⁶ **1 John 2:25**

²⁷ **1 John 3:1**

²⁸ **1 John 3:2-3**

²⁹ **1 John 3:7-8**

³⁰ **1 John 3:10**

³¹ **1 John 3:11**

³² **1 John 3:13-14**

our lives for the brethren.³³

- Little children, let us not **now** love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth.³⁴
- This **now** is His commandment, that we may have believed in the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and may **now** love one another, just as He commanded us. The one who is **now** keeping His commandments **now** abides in Him, and He in him. We **now** know by this that He **now** abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.³⁵
- By this you **now** know the Spirit of God: every spirit that **now** confesses that Jesus Christ had been coming in the flesh **now** is from God; and every spirit that does not **now** confess Jesus **now** is not from God; this **now** is the spirit of the antichrist, of which you have heard that chooses to **now** come, and **now** it **now** is already in the world.³⁶
- ... greater is He who **now** is in you than he in the world³⁷
- **Beloved**, let us **now** love one another, for love **now** is from God; and everyone who is **now** loving has been caused to be born of God and **now** knows God. The one who is not **now** loving does not know God, for God **now** is love.³⁸
- By this the love of God was caused to be manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him.³⁹
- In this **now** is love, not that we have loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. **Beloved**, if God so loved us, we also **now** ought to **now** love one another.⁴⁰
- ... if we **now** may love one another, God **now** abides in us, and His love is **now** caused to being perfected in us.⁴¹
- God **now** is love, and the one who is **now** abiding in love **now** abides in God, and God **now** abides in him.⁴²
- There **now** is no fear in love; but completed love **now** casts out fear, because fear **now** involves punishment, and the one who chooses to **now** be fearing is not caused to have been perfected in love.⁴³
- We **now** love, because He first loved us.⁴⁴
- If someone may say, "I **now** love God," and may **now** hate his brother, he **now** is a liar; for the

³³ **1 John 3:16**

³⁴ **1 John 3:18**

³⁵ **1 John 3:23-24**

³⁶ **1 John 4:2-3**

³⁷ **1 John 4:4**

³⁸ **1 John 4:7-8**

³⁹ **1 John 4:9**

⁴⁰ **1 John 4:10-11**

⁴¹ **1 John 4:12**

⁴² **1 John 4:16**

⁴³ **1 John 4:18**

⁴⁴ **1 John 4:19**

one who is not **now** loving his brother whom he has seen, cannot **now** choose to **now** love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we **now** have from Him, that the one who is **now** loving God should **now** love his brother also.⁴⁵

- By this we **now** know that we **now** love the children of God, when we may **now** love God and may **now** observe His commandments.⁴⁶
- For whatever has been caused to being born of God **now** overcomes the world; and this **now** is the victory that has been overcoming the world — our faith. Who **now** is the one who is **now** overcoming the world, but he who is **now** believing that Jesus **now** is the Son of God?⁴⁷
- The one who is **now** believing in the Son of God **now** has the testimony in himself; the one who is not **now** believing God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has given concerning His Son. And the testimony **now** is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is **now** in His Son. He who is **now** having the Son **now** has the life; he who is not **now** having the Son of God does not **now** have the life.⁴⁸
- This **now** is the confidence which we **now** have before Him, that, if we may **now** choose to ask anything according to His will, He **now** hears us. And if we know that He **now** hears us in whatever we may **now** choose to ask, we know that we **now** have the requests which we have asked from Him.⁴⁹
- We have known that no one who has been caused to being born of God **now** sins; but He who has been caused to being born of God **now** keeps him, and the evil one cannot **now** choose to touch him.⁵⁰
- We have known that we **now** are of God, and that the whole world chooses to **now** lie in the evil one.⁵¹
- And we have known that the Son of God **now** comes and has given us understanding so that we may **now** know the truth; and we are **now** in the truth, in His Son Jesus Christ. This **now** is the true God and eternal life.⁵²

These are all things that the bondservants of Christ know to be true and know deep in their hearts will never change. Therefore, they no longer have need of a light of a lamp nor the light of the sun, because the Lord God will illumine them and continue to teach them all they need to know.

The Spirit is clearly not saying that teachers are not necessary, as that is a spiritual gift given by the Spirit to build up the body of Christ. In like manner, He is not saying that our gathering together as a community is not necessary, because it is.⁵³ Rather, He is saying that the very basics of our faith have been deposited in our hearts by the Spirit of God, and if this was all we knew and if we were willing to bet our

⁴⁵ **1 John 4:20-21**

⁴⁶ **1 John 5:2**

⁴⁷ **1 John 5:4-5**

⁴⁸ **1 John 5:10-12**

⁴⁹ **1 John 5:14-15**

⁵⁰ **1 John 5:18**

⁵¹ **1 John 5:19**

⁵² **1 John 5:20**

⁵³ See **1 Corinthians 12:28; Ephesians 4:10-13; Hebrews 10:24-25**

lives upon this truth, we would be ushered into the kingdom of God as the Chosen bondservants of Christ.

After all, the bondservants of Jesus Christ are **now** children of light and have become Christ's lights in this dark world. They have been illumined and will be illumined.

Ephesians 5:6-10

You are commanded to let no one **now** deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God chooses to **now** come upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore, you are commanded to choose to not **now** be partakers with them; for you were formerly darkness, but now light in the Lord; you are commanded to **now** walk as children of Light (for the fruit of the Light consists in all goodness and righteousness and truth), **now** trying to learn what is **now** pleasing to the Lord.

1 Thessalonians 5:4-7

But you, ***brethren***, are not **now** in darkness, that the day may overtake you like a thief; for you **now** are all sons of light and sons of day. We are **now** not of night nor of darkness; so then may we not sleep as others do, but may we **now** be alert and may we **now** be sober.

2 Corinthians 4:5-6

For we do not **now** preach ourselves but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your bondservants for Jesus' sake. For God, who has been saying, "Light will in the **future** shine out of darkness," is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

2 Samuel 22:29 / Psalm 18:28

For You are my lamp, O **Yahweh**; and **Yahweh** illumines my darkness.

Micah 7:8

Do not rejoice over me, O my enemy. Though I fall I will rise; though I dwell in darkness, **Yahweh** is a light for me.

Jesus is the light of men; He is the light that **NOW** shines in the darkness. He is the true Light which, coming into the world, enlightens or **NOW** *illuminates* every man.⁵⁴

Let's stop here and in our next podcast we will discuss our eternal rule.

I am glad you "tuned in" and have been "ready to listen."

⁵⁴ **John 1:4, 5, 9.** Note: shines and enlightens are rendered in the *present* tense