"I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness"

John 12:46

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## What will happen when God's light shines within us?

### 1. We will be able to understand the work that God does in our lives

"And Elisha prayed, and said, "LORD, I pray, open his eyes that he may see." Then the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw. And behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha"

2 Kings 6:17

# 2. We will understand His commandments and value His precepts and statutes

"Open my eyes, that I may see wondrous things from Your law"

Psalm 119:18

# 3. We will be delighted in the hope of our calling and the glory of the inheritance that is prepared for us

"...the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints"

Ephesians 1:18

# 4. We will be able to see ourselves clearly with the help of the Holy Spirit who dwells in us

### 5. We will accept and love one another

"But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another"

1 John 1:7

## How we can receive this "Enlightenment"?

#### 1. We receive it in the Sacraments

"Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him"

Luke 24:30

## 2. The Word of God enlightens our eyes

"The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes"

Psalm 19:18

#### 3. When we always look at Him

"They looked to Him and were radiant, and their faces were not ashamed."

Psalm 34:5

# What are the warnings that those who are enlightened should heed?

## 1. We ought to be always watchful for holiness

"For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame"

Hebrews 6:4-6

# 2. We ought to watch diligently for those entrusted to our care

"Woe to the worthless shepherd, who leaves the flock! A sword shall be against his arm and against his right eye; His arm shall completely wither, and his right eye shall be totally blinded."

Zechariah 11:17