

The Parable of Light and Darkness

- *This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. 6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. 7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. 1 John 1:5-7*

Contrast of Two Domains

- The world where God lives – All is light
- Everyone does God's Will
- A realm of knowledge and Truth
- A domain of love and good.
- This world is different. A world of darkness
- *This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil. 20 "For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. 21 "But he who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God." John 3:19-21*

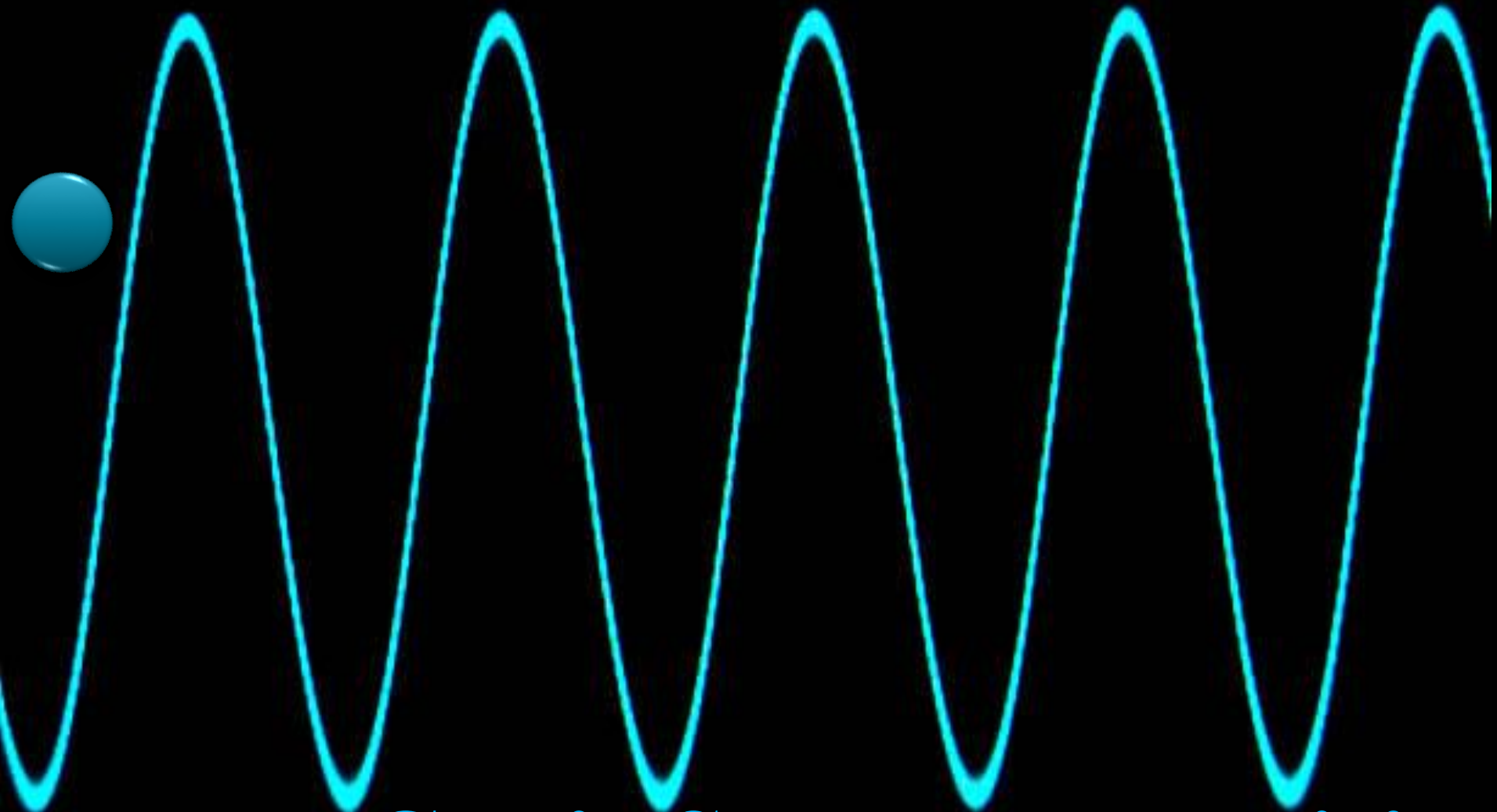
Jesus Warning to All: Light In You is Darkness

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- *If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness! Matt 6:23*

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sine Wave



You Can't See Through it!



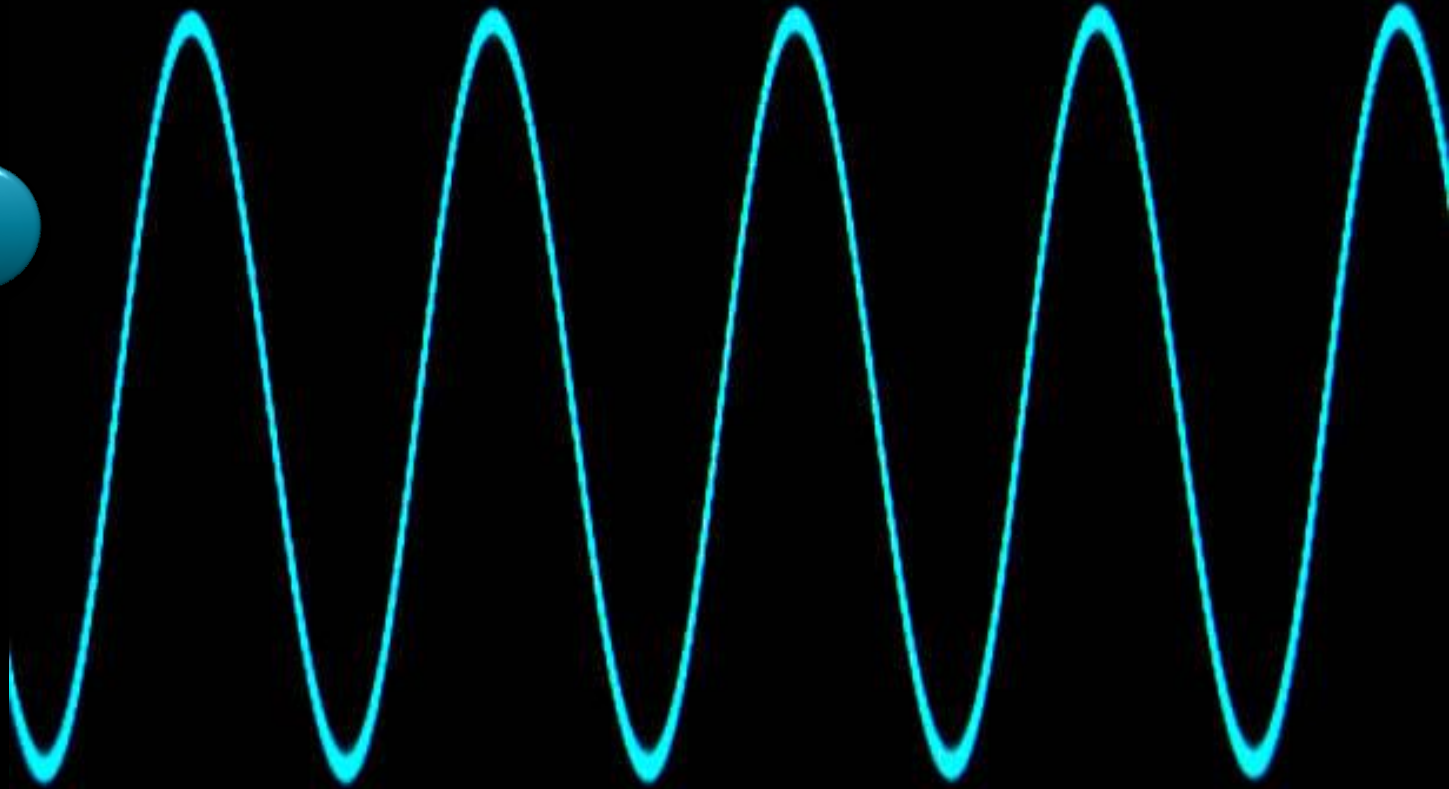
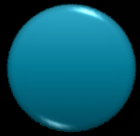
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Sinful Lusts



You Can't See Through them!
sine wave = folds of sinful lusts



He that comes to the Light can see the light and see where he is going!

Light In You is Darkness

- *34 The lamp of the body is the eye. Therefore, when your eye is good, your whole body also is full of light. But when your eye is bad, your body also is full of darkness. 35 Therefore take heed that the light which is in you is not darkness. 36 If then your whole body is full of light, having no part dark, the whole body will be full of light, as when the bright shining of a lamp gives you light." Luke 11:33-36*
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Light In You is Darkness

- What exactly am I looking for? It might be impossible for me to see right now!
- *The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. 23 But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness! Matt 6:22-23*
- What is a “*bad eye?*” How Can I identify it?

Israel's Eye was not Single

- What they saw in themselves
- *Indeed you are called a Jew, and rest on the law, and make your boast in God, 18 and know His will, and approve the things that are excellent, being instructed out of the law, 19 and are confident that you yourself are a guide to the blind, a light to those who are in darkness, 20 an instructor of the foolish, a teacher of babes, having the form of knowledge and truth in the law. Rom 2:17-20*
- Yet they crucified their own Messiah!

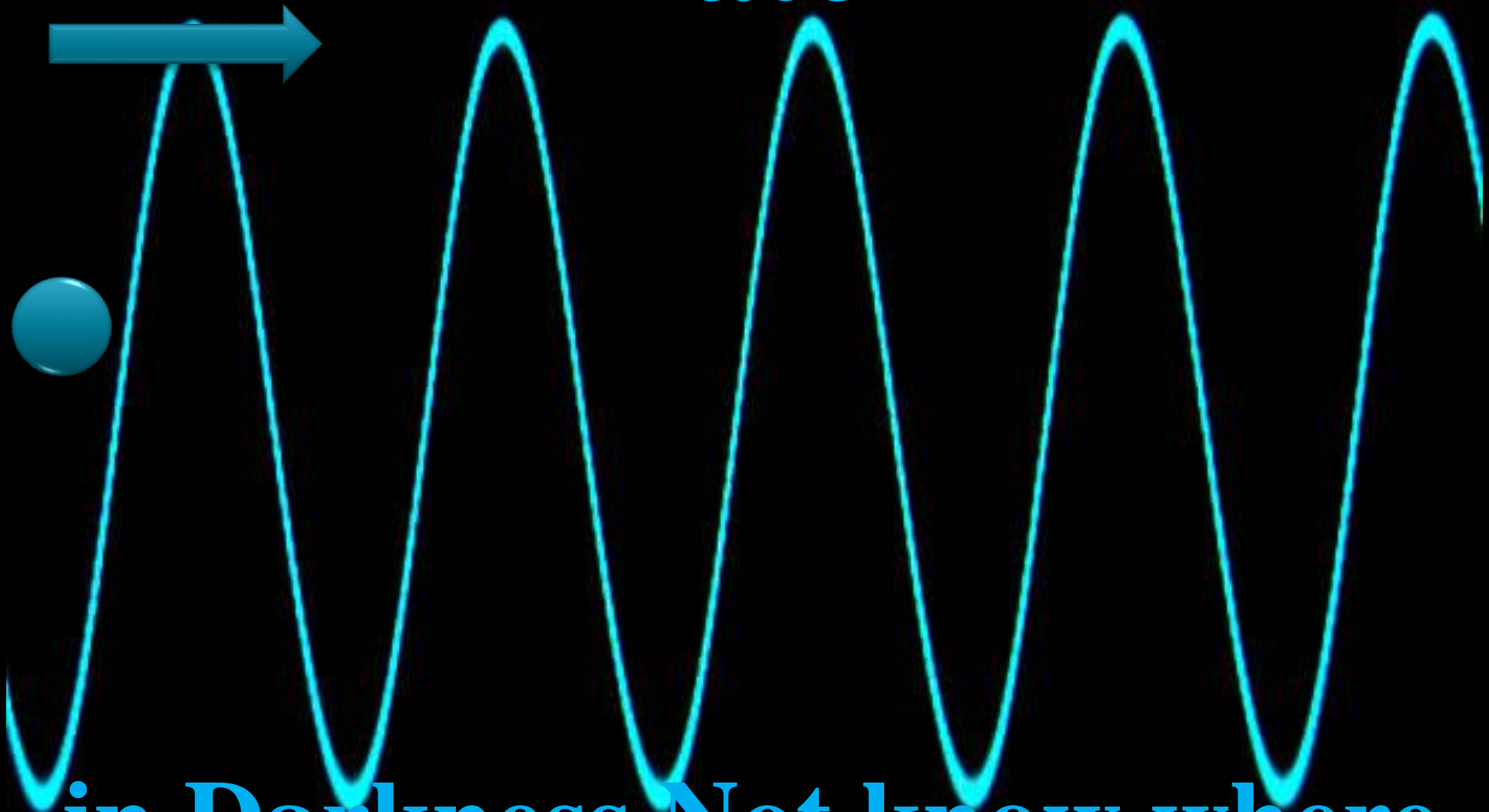
Eye is Bad: Body is Full of Darkness

- *You, therefore, who teach another, do you not teach yourself? You who preach that a man should not steal, do you steal? 22 You who say, "Do not commit adultery," do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples? 23 You who make your boast in the law, do you dishonor God through breaking the law? Rom. 2:21-22*
- The true indicator of the quality of our eyes
- It is not all the things we do or see that are right.
- It is the manner we do or see evil.
- Though each had a different issue we are still in darkness if we can't see. It didn't matter which sin

Take heed **Light** in you isn't **Darkness**

- *He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness until now. 10 He who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him. 11 But he who hates his brother is in darkness and walks in darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes. 1Jn. 2:9-11*
- Agape love vs hate = light and darkness
- Yet this is not clear to those afflicted with it

Hate



**in Darkness Not know where
he is going.**

John is Stern But Clear!

- *If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? 21 And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God must love his brother also. 1Jn. 4:20-21*
- Any time we are angry and wish evil on our brother we are in the darkness.
- If we claim to love God at that time we are a liar!

Light in you is Darkness

- *no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the **futility of their mind**, 18 having their **understanding darkened**, being alienated from the life of God ... 31 Let all **bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice**. 32 And be kind to one another, tenderhearted Eph 4:17-18; 31-32*
- **Understanding Darkened; Alienated - God's Life**
- When under the influence of these emotions, we are walking in the darkness
- Only repentance & confession brings back to light

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- *You who make your boast in the law, do you dishonor God through breaking the law? 24 For “the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you,” as it is written. Rom 2:23-24*
- What they could not see in themselves others could see in them.
- This is a universal problem.

Light in you is Darkness

- *4 Love suffers long and is kind...5 does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; ...7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 1C 13:*
- When we do these we are walking in the light.
- When we violate them we are in the darkness.
- A Dangerous Paradox:
- What we can't see in ourselves others can see in us
- What we can't see in ourselves we see in others.

Light in you is Darkness

- *Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, 20 idolatry, sorcery, **hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, 21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who **practice** such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.***

Gal 5:19-21

- I can see clearly the ones I have never practiced.
- If you do them in my presence I will see.
- If I do them in your presence you will see.
- Only blindness = Darkness I have entered.

Light in you is Darkness

- *For the commandment is a lamp and the law a light, reproofs of instruction are the way of life. Pr. 6:22*
- *Through Your precepts I get understanding Therefore I hate every false way. Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path” Ps. 119:104-105*
- *While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light. Jn. 12:36*
- With Scripture we can see... While we have this light we use our active faith to become sons of light. If we don't act... in darkness...

Light in you is Darkness

- When what the Scriptures say and what I am thinking or doing are different I am in Darkness.
- When I am feeling a temptation, quoting the right Scriptures, but unable to see it clearly ...
- When I am teaching to others, but I can't do it yet ... I am weak!
- When I am teaching to others, but practicing the opposite ... I am in the darkness of hypocrisy.
- What is dangerous occurred to the Jews.
- They were hypocrites, but they couldn't see it.
- When God sent Jesus to show them, the darkness was so deep they rejected and killed him

A Single Eye

- Be Aware!
- See it in yourself
- No folds; no wrinkles; no sine wave
- Recognize it as soon as it appears
- Repent/confess and return to the light
- Realize that others see it in you.
- Don't shame yourself to others.
- Don't be like Israel.
- Don't let light within you become darkness