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WHITE LIGHT REVEALS

God's **C**olorful Creation

We would be in the dark without WHITE LIGHT. And, when God commanded the light to shine in darkness, He meant for it to shine upon everything, revealing the true color within each and everything created.

The **light receptors** we have in our eyes loves color. And, color is everywhere in God's creation. Radiant hues send a sensation that causes our eyes to sparkle over the awesome beauty of earth. All around us and upward, as far as we can see, EARTH visually thrills us.

The revealed colorful display that man beholds finds appreciation expressed in many ways. From sea to shining sea and amber waves of grain, to purple mountains are penned in the eye and heart, first, then in song. Each glorious sight makes us happy and speaks of God's touch across the fruited plain; and the world over.

Yet, while we appreciate the deep reds, dark blues and other rich colors that present the world to us, God's creation may also be appreciated in other ways. For instance, the **rainbow** of Noah's day.

The natural phenomena of the Rainbow is that all properties of **white light** are exemplified within it. Upon entering water, sun rays get dispersed and refracted (bent) inside the raindrops of water. Beyond the scientific knowledge, however, Noah's rainbow offers a much deeper meaning than merely the brightness of foliage or the richness of a field of wheat.

Not only do we see the hues of the rays, in the meaning of the Genesis Rainbow, we are shown that God placed His **Rainbow-token** in the sky as a covenant sign. When He sees the rainbow, He is reminded that the earth will never be destroyed again by water. Believers get instructive comfort with each rainbow.

Anytime we realize that God has a hand in it, immediately we begin to listen for something that goes further than physical science. We listen and seek for spiritual meaning. We are not often disappointed.

We come to learn the truth that God's omnipresence is always working behind the natural scenes in His creation. And, therefore, when God is involved, there's

always a spiritual truth upholding and supporting all the obvious physical things that are seen. Unfortunately, most people see only what's before them.

Hebrews 11:3 explains it this way: "...the worlds were framed by the word of God... ...that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear."

"And God said to Noah, 'this is the token of the covenant which I make with thee...I do set my bow in the cloud. And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud: I will remember my covenant...and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh,'" Genesis 9:12-15.

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Formation of the rainbow still excites us as white light is refracted, revealing its colorful beauty. But, there's more for us to appreciate - more of God's creation to enjoy than the color of landscape or, even a natural rainbow.

Since the advent of satellites and **infrared photography**, we may now view the earth much more vividly than what is possible with just the naked eye.

We have learned to **Google** things up, using the powerful and successful search engine company located in the San Francisco Bay area, about 100 miles from my house. With satellite and high aircraft photography, **Google** has just about **color-coded** the entire earth.

By adding visible and invisible parts of the electromagnetic spectrum (*the scientific term for the collective types of light; such as light from lamps and radio waves from the radio, along with energy emitted by the sun*), **Google** has allowed scientists to "**see**" the surface of the earth in other than natural colors, according to an article on the **MSN Web Site**.

Although, **near-infrared light** is invisible to the human eye, the article goes on to say that Google has added **electromagnetic parts** that give results called, "**color-infrared**" photography.

But, as mentioned above, **truth seekers** go to God's Word looking for the spiritual understanding that is behind the physical techniques declared by Google. We are bent toward the heavenly calling; the thrilling truth which takes us to an appreciation, all right; but also, blesses us to see the benefits of a different place - say, a New Jerusalem, once this world is no longer.

It does seem that truth comes in the same way **light is refracted**. Once hit by light, dense matter slows down light waves. And, is there anything more dense than a lost sinner? God must slow us down so that we might "**Stand still and see the salvation of the Lord**," (Ex 14:13). "Salvation is by grace; not by works," Eph 2:8-9.

Once light hits the dense object (such as a sinner) light is refracted. The light of God's truth moves men to acceptance and repentance by taking the veil from the eyes of our hearts. Now, we have a much clearer view of life. We see the

world, and all that is therein, in the glorious and wonderful plan revealed by **God's light, Jesus**, the Son who said, "...that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest that they are wrought in God," Jn 3:19, 21.

We see things because light is shed upon us. Color is seen because a denser object refracts the white light, bending the properties in a direction that reveals a deeper and more beautiful meaning of God's creation and, in the spiritual sense, what life is all about.

Without **Refraction** (bending of wavelengths) the color of material things cannot be observed. As we think about this, we find it easy to transfer the meaning of white light to spiritual matters. After all, God is in it, isn't He?

Jesus, the light of the world, bends downward to a dense sinner, refracting His righteousness - His **white light**. **Its radiance** brings a cheerful heart to man. Even though the light reveals his true condition; **one of a lost and undone sinner, hope accompanies** this truth. Man can be saved. **Hallelujah!**

Jesus is the white light of the world that allows fallen man to observe every color of God's rainbow of salvation. He is God's **color-scheme** of redemption and man is awestruck by the variety hues in the glorious Person of Christ.

In Jesus, what once were just shadows (types), become clearer by the light of life, the Savior. No wonder the first-time one comes to God's love, it is an experience that a saved person never forgets.

In His bending downward to lost mankind, the righteousness of Jesus illuminates an array of colorful aspects that salvation offers. But here, man sees not only the colors; he also understands that each color within the white light is what composes the white light. Jesus Christ is the most colorful Person, ever!

Therefore, salvation is in Christ's righteousness, only. It is in, and of Christ, Himself. When man views Jesus as God's **color-scheme** of redemption, he will want to visit the types and shadows of God's Old Testament Tabernacle for deeper and great understanding. There, man finds meaning of meeting with God.

A brief look records that God instructed Moses to take "**gold** and **blue** and **purple, scarlet**, and fine twined linen," Ex 28:5-6. **Gold** represents God's glory; **Blue**, the heavenly origin of Jesus; **purple**, that of royalty; and **scarlet**, a picture of the blood (life) that Jesus freely poured out for man's salvation.

Finally, fine twined linen represents righteousness, which redemption is based upon; but, there is more. Righteousness is to be put on by those who have been redeemed; for, they have been called to be set aside for service.

In the heavenly scene of the Bride of Revelation 19:8, we read, "She was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white; for the fine linen is the righteousness of the saints."

Clearly, we are not only to receive salvation by the righteousness of Jesus, we are to put Him on, as well; without which, man walks in a black and white world unable to see all the color in the salvation that is available to him through Jesus, the light.