



**SERIES: John Believe**  
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**Scripture: John 12:34-36**  
**TITLE: Limited Time Offer**

Jesus reminds us in John 12 that the light is available for now but not forever. At least not for everyone. So if life in the light is available, why on earth would you avoid it? Here's what John records in John 12:34-36.

So the crowd answered him, "We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?" So Jesus said to them, "The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light."

Jesus will make 7 "I am" statements in the book of John. Jesus said, "I am the light of the world" in John 8:12. But amazingly, most people prefer to live in the darkness. It's where they can rot in their sin. The light exposes their sin and depravity. So many choose to walk in the darkness.

But Jesus provides a sobering reality both for His disciples and all people. For His disciples, He says, "The light is among you for a little while." This was Jesus' reminder that He would return to the Father soon. His time on earth was nearing an end. His death is approaching. So, while Jesus is physically here, stick close to Him. He is the light.

And then, in verse 36, He makes a sobering statement. "While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light." There is a day coming for everyone when there are no second chances. Our exposure to the light is removed. Our opportunity to repent of our sins is gone. As Pastor John MacArthur said, "The sobering truth is that when sinners persistently reject Him, God may ultimately remove His grace and judge them... Those who reject Jesus Christ, never embracing Him in saving faith, will inevitably face God's vengeance, wrath, and judgment in eternal punishment."

So here's my challenge for you today, if you're not a Christian, stop walking in the darkness. We know that driving in the dark without headlights is dangerous and foolish. How much more so when it comes to walking in spiritual darkness. The Light of the World is offering you salvation and eternity in the light. But this offer won't last forever. Turn to Jesus today.

If you're claimed the light of the world as your savior, don't drift into the darkness. Don't play the game of turning off your headlights in the dark. Jesus' light never goes out and is there for you today, tomorrow, and always. So continue to follow Him. Listen to Him. Live in the light.

When you do, you are safe and secure. There's no place I'd rather be.