**Because He Reigns – Rev. 2:28; 22:16 -17**

**Focal Truth: Believers have the promise of endless day from Jesus Christ the morning star**

Just as the morning star shines in the darkness – promising the coming of the day – Jesus Christ is the morning star promising the heavenly endless day!

**Observations**

1. **The morning star – Jesus Christ announces to believers the end of worldly darkness**
2. The morning star always appears just before the Day begins
3. Jesus Christ is the morning star – shining with the Light & Glory of God

Rev. 1:14 – *His head and His hair were white like white wool, like snow, and His eyes were like a flame of fire. His feet were burnished bronze, when it has been made to glow in a furnace….*

J. 1:4 -5, 9 – *In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overpower it…there was a true Light which coming into the world, enlightens every man*

Rev. *22:16 -17 – I am the root and descendant of David, the bright morning star*

1. Jesus Christ promises to give the Light of life – eternal life to all who follow Him

J. 8:12 – *I am the Light of the world, he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life*

1. Jesus Christ the morning star will come again & take the church out of the darkness of the world into the Eternal Day of heaven

1 Thess. 4:16 – *for the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and the with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord*

***R. 13:12 – the night is almost gone, and the day is near!***

1. **The morning star – Jesus Christ promises believers the dawn of the heavenly eternal day**
2. *The Lord Jesus the morning star has prepared a welcome for believers in heaven*

J. 14:3 – *If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also*

b. Jesus Christ the morning star is coming soon to gather believers to be with Him

 Rom. 13:11 -12 – *know the time, that it is already the hour for you to awaken from*

 *sleep; for now salvation is nearer to us than when we believed. The night is almost*

 *gone, and the day is near. Therefore, let us lay aside the deeds of darkness and put on*

 *the armor of light.*

2 Pet. 1:19 – *so we have the prophetic word made more sure, to which you do well to pay attention* ***as to a lamp shining in a dark place****, until the day dawns & the morning star arises in your hearts*

1. **The morning star - Jesus Christ transforms believers with the eternal light of life**
2. Believers will share in transformed glory of the Lord Jesus in heaven

2 Cor. 4:6 - *for God said, Light shall shine out of darkness, is the* ***One who has shown in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ***

J. 17:22 – *the glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one, I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity*

1 T.5:5 – ***for you are sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night, nor the darkness***

1. Believers in heaven will be transformed by the glory of the Lord Jesus in heaven

Phil. 3: 20 -21 – *who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of his glory, by the exertion of His power that He has even to subject all things to Himself*

1 Cor. 1:7 -8 – *awaiting eagerly the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ,* ***who will also confirm you to the end, blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ***

1. **The morning star - Jesus Christ provides believers the eternal day of heavenly joy, pleasure and wonder**
2. The Eternal Light of heaven brings eternal pleasure

Rev. 21:23 – *the city has not need of sun or of the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God has illumined it, and its lamp is the Lamb*

***How pleasant is the sight of the Lord Jesus Christ – the morning star!***

**Things to Remember & Do**

1. ***Keep following the morning star – Lord Jesus in the world of darkness!***
2. ***Keep living in the assurance of the shining promise of the morning star – Jesus is coming soon!***
3. ***Keep waiting for the sound of the trumpet of the calling out of the believers from this dark world***

**I will give to him the morning star**

**To the praise of the glory of His grace! The Lord is near to the door! Come Lord Jesus!**