

Carry the Light 1 Jn. 1:3-7

**BEACON**  
**OF**  
*light*



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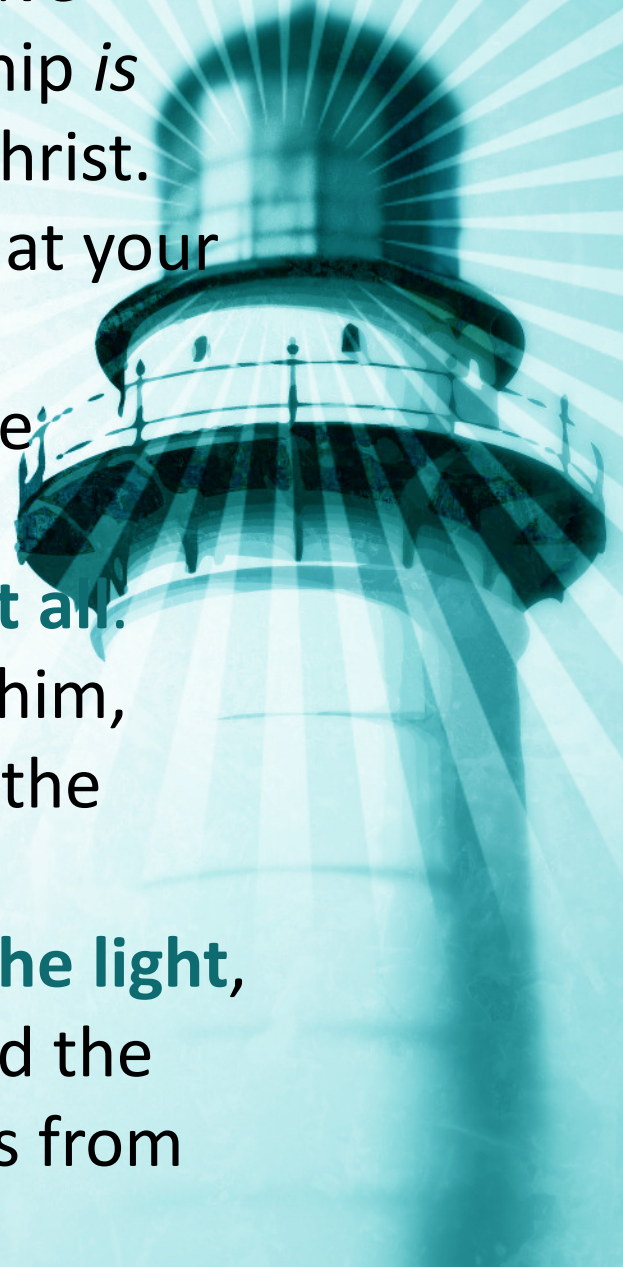
4 And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.

5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto 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 the truth:

7 But **if we walk in the light, as he is in the light,** we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.



Our theme for 2017 is “Carry the Light.”

The conduct of a true Christian, one who is genuinely “born again,” is the outcome of a doctrinal foundation.

**We are “living out our faith,” and our testimony indicates the quality of it, be it good or bad.**

**As I believe, therefore I live.**



This morning we begin a short series on  
“The Beacon of Light.” A beacon, by definition:

Beacon (noun)

1. A guiding or warning signal, as a light or fire, especially one in an elevated position.
2. A tower or hill used for such purposes.
3. A lighthouse, signal buoy, etc., on a shore or at a dangerous area at sea to warn and guide vessels.
4. A person, act, or thing that warns or guides.
5. A person or thing that illuminates or inspires:

The Bible has been our beacon during this trouble.



## radio beacon

A radar device at a fixed location that, upon receiving a radar pulse, transmits a reply pulse that enables the original sender to determine his or her position relative to the fixed location.

<http://www.dictionary.com/browse/beacon>

There are airport beacons:

It's the **airport beacon**, and the purpose is to identify the airport at night or in poor weather.

These beacons can be seen from a great distance, much further than the runway lights can.

A green and white beacon indicates a civil land airport, as the majority of airports are. If it's green with two white flashes, it's a military land airport. White and yellow indicates a seaport. White-green-yellow is used for normal heliports, and white-green-red for hospital heliports.



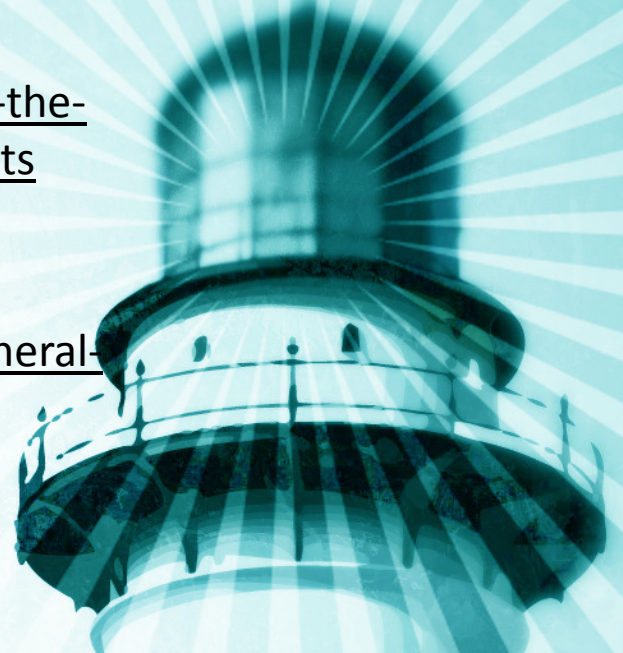
An airport with an airport beacon will run the beacon continuously during night hours, and any time the weather is below visual flight minimums.

<https://www.quora.com/What-is-the-purpose-and-function-of-the-green-and-white-light-on-the-tower-that-we-see-on-the-airports>

There are beacons used in smartphones:

<https://data.linz.govt.nz/layer/425-beacon-special-purpose-general-points-hydro-190k-1350k/>

- These various beacons have several things in common:
- Beacons are designed to send out signals.
- Beacons are designed to help others.
- Beacons are designed to get their messages received.



## I. THE SHARING OF FELLOWSHIP, 1:3-4

1 Jn. 1:3 That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and **truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.**

4 And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.

### A. The Message of Fellowship, 1:3

1 Jn. 1:3 That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and **truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.**



1. The Personal Experience, 1:3a “That which **we have seen and heard** declare we unto you...”

2. The Possible Extension, 1:3b “...**that ye also may have fellowship** with us...”

3. The Powerful Explanation, 1:3c “...and **truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.**”

B. The Motive for Fellowship, 1:4 “And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.”

Jn. 15:11 These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and **that your joy might be full.**





Jn. 16:24 Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, **that your joy may be full.**

Rom. 14:17 For **the kingdom of God** is not meat and drink; but **righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.**

## II. THE STATEMENT OF FACT, 1:5

1 Jn. 1:5 This then is **the message** which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that **God is light**, and in him is no darkness at all.

A. The Message “This then is the message which we have **heard of him, and declare unto you...**”



B. The Majesty “...that **God is light**, and in him is no darkness at all.”

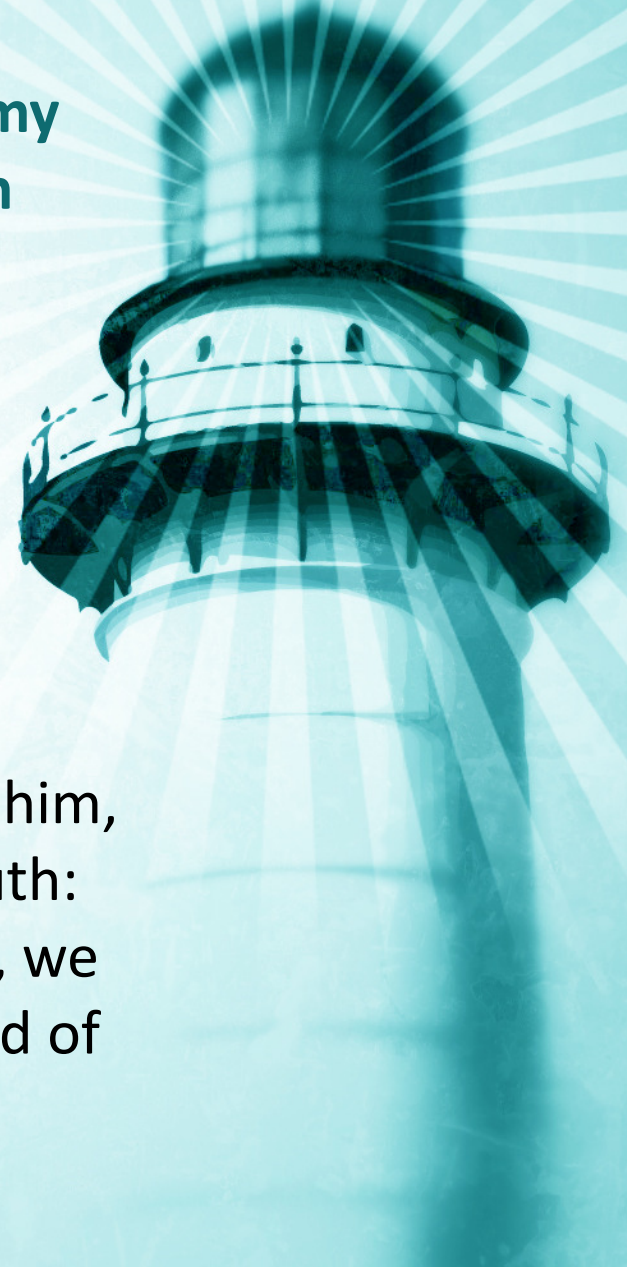
Psa. 104:1 Bless the LORD, O my soul. **O LORD my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honour and majesty.**

2 **Who coverest *thyself* with light as *with a garment*:** who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain:

### III. THE SUPPOSITION OF FELLOWSHIP

1 Jn. 1:6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.



## A. The Absurdity of Shallow Statements, 1:6

1 Jn. 1:6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

## B. The Assurance of Sensible Significance, 1:7

1 Jn. 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

2 Cor. 4:6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, **hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.**

Jn. 8:12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, **I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.**



## Conclusion:

1 Pet. 1:8 Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see *him* not, yet believing, **ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:**

3 Jn. 1:4 I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.

Jude 1:24 Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to **present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,**

1 Thess. 2:19 For **what is our hope, or joy,** or crown of rejoicing? *Are* not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming?

20 For **ye are our glory and joy.**

