

As flowers open to sunlight, our hearts are made to open to God

It is such a beautiful part of God's creation to see flowers open up their petals to embrace the light of the Sun. Isn't this just a picture of our hearts opening up to the light of the Son?

1 John 1:5 ...**God is light** and in Him is no darkness at all (and Jesus the word is God)

John 8:12 (Jesus) **I am the light** of the world. **Whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness, but have the light of life** (God's light is His very life and nature).

Ps 119:105 **Your word is...a light...** John 6:63 **The words that I speak to you are...life.**

Ps 119:130 **The entrance of Your words** (into my heart, as I believe them) **gives light...**

God likens people to flowers, created to open our hearts when the light of His word shines

Job 14:1-2 **Those born of woman...come forth like a flower...**

Ps 103:15 **As for humanity...As a flower of the field, so they flourish.**

Song 7:12 **Let's go to the vineyards; to see if the...blossoms are open, the** (flowers) **in bloom**. **There I will give you My love** (His word is His love, as we open up).

Rev 3:20 **I stand at the door** (of your heart) **and knock. If anyone hears My voice** (My word) **and opens the door** (petals, by believing), **I will come in to them...**

Song 5:2 **...It is the voice of my beloved! He knocks, saying, "Open for me..."**.

Who does God have through whom He can shine His light of life to open up dark hearts?

Prov 4:18 **The path of the righteous is like the first gleam of dawn, shining ever brighter till the full light of day.** NIV

Ps 46:4-5 **There is a river whose streams shall make glad the city of God...God is in the midst of her, she shall not be moved; God shall help her, just at the break of dawn** (when God's city, the righteous, begin to speak His word).

Matt 5:14 (Jesus) **You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid.**

Eph 5:8 **For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light** (we are only light when we are in Christ, ruled by His Spirit).

The unconverted are in darkness, many Christians are back in darkness, we are the light

Matt 4:16-17 **The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, And upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has dawned. From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (the message of repentance is the first light).**

John 3:19-21 (Jesus) **This is the condemnation, that light has come into the world, but people loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.**

Acts 26:17-18 (Jesus) **I now send you, to open their eyes, to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive (1) forgiveness of sins and (2) an inheritance among those who are made holy by faith, in Me.**