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Transforming Daily
“... and the light shines in the darkness ...”
John 1:5

Traditionally Daylight Saving Time was first suggested by Benjamin Franklin. He suggested the idea to the Parisians while in France to encourage better use of their time. He is the one who said, “Early to bed, early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy, and wise.” Franklin didn’t call it DST, he just described the characteristics that would some 100 plus years later become DST. It wasn’t until the early 1900s that DST became known as Daylight Saving Time as well as an American custom.

William Willett became DST’s strongest advocate, and is given credit for its origination. Again, the purpose for DST was to offer an opportunity for a better life for those willing to make the most of the light. As advantageous as Willett’s proposition sounds DST is still a controversial subject. Many are unaccepting of its notion that it brings a more abundant life than that of the lifestyle associated with standard time.

According to John, Christ’s coming as the light of the world offers the opportunity for a better life to those who would receive His proposition. As a matter of fact, John says that Christ is life. In John 14:6, he records Jesus to say, “I am the way, the truth, and the life . . .” As with the proposition of DST, Christ’s proposition remains a subject of controversy with many. Unlike the proposition of DST, Christ is not offering His light as a means by which to manage time and life, but as a means by which to convert our lives forever.

If someone rejects the proposition of DST, they might spend a little more time in dark. If anyone rejects the proposition of Christ, they will spend an eternity in darkness. With this in mind, aren’t you glad, speaking of Christ, John wrote, “and the light shines in the darkness?”