

# “SPECTRUM OF THE LIGHT”

## BLUE

### What is the technical significance of this color?

Blue is a primary color, and as we've previously studied, cannot be made by mixing other colors. Like green, blue is considered to be a “cool” color. Blue is calming. It can be strong and steadfast or light and friendly.

A natural color, from the blue of the sky, blue is a universal color. The cool, calming effect of blue makes time pass more quickly and it can help you sleep.

Just as “seeing red” alludes to the strong emotions invoked by the color red, “feeling blue” or “getting the blues” represents the extremes of the calm feelings associated with blue, i.e. sadness or depression, lack of strong (violent) emotion.

Human brain's response to blue: calming, lowers blood pressure, decreases respiration

Ever ask someone a question and they respond with the question... “Why is the sky blue?” ? Well, I'm gonna tell you why. << expound – length of light waves, atmosphere. Etc. humidity/smog etc. can make longer light waves get refracted instead of passing through >>

### Does this color have any symbolic meaning?

Blue conveys importance and confidence without being somber or sinister, hence the blue power suit of the corporate world and the blue uniforms of police officers. Long considered a corporate color, blue, especially darker blue, is associated with intelligence, stability, unity, and conservatism. But dark blue is sometimes seen as staid or stodgy — old-fashioned.

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In Iran, blue is the color of mourning while in the West the “something blue” bridal tradition represents love.

I read somewhere that, “If you don't like blue you may find it a bit too severe, or you may want more change in your life.”

In the Bible, there are quite a few references to the color blue. **Num 15:38-40**, *“Speak to the children of Israel: Tell them to make tassels on the corners of their garments throughout their generations, and to put a blue thread in the tassels of the corners. [39] And you shall have the tassel, that you may look upon it and remember all the commandments of the Lord and do them, and that you may not follow the harlotry to which your own heart and your own eyes are inclined, [40] and that you may remember and do all My commandments, and be holy for your God.”*

So we see that the color blue in these verses was to remind the nation of Israel of God's commandments, His Law... it symbolized the Word of God.

It is interesting that Blue and Sapphire appear 37 times in the book of Exodus, 4 times in the Book of Ezekiel, and twice in the book of Revelation. Wherever God is present, the color blue is present.

## What attribute of Jesus does this color represent?

**His Omnipresence** Omnipresence is a tough attribute to study because Jesus temporarily laid aside the exercising of His omnipresent nature during His earthly ministry. But even then, He never stopped being omnipresent.

Matt 18:20, 28:20, Col 3:11.

## How did Jesus demonstrate His OMNIPRESENCE?

**By being the Word of God...**

**John 1:1,14** *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...[14] And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld*

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*His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.”* Jesus revealed the true nature of God. That God was not angry god, but the God of love... that God IS Love.

Think about it... Christianity is unique in that our God came to earth, manifest in the flesh to speak directly with us. Jesus is the “mouthpiece” of Jehovah...He is LITERALLY the Word of God! How awesome is that!?

The words that Jesus spoke are recorded in the Bible and have spread throughout the world... even to Las Vegas.

And related to the first example, the second one is similar...

### **By reminding everyone of God’s commandments...**

Just as the blue thread in the garments described in the book of Numbers symbolized the Word of God and His commandments, Jesus reminded the Jews of the time of God’s commandments and laws. **Mat 12:38-39**, *“Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered, saying, “Teacher, we want to see a sign from You.” [39] “ But He answered and said to them, “An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah.”*

These Pharisees had just a few moments earlier accused Jesus of casting out demons by the power of Satan, and now they were calling Him “teacher” and “seeking His counsel”. But time and time again, Jesus refers to the Old Testament and puts it in context and makes it relevant for the times.

Whether it is the temptation by Satan in the desert, addressing the “religious leaders” or those with only marginal knowledge of God’s word, Jesus always reminded or taught those around Him about God’s commandments.

### **By being everywhere...**

Although limited by the physical nature of this world, Jesus was indeed everywhere... in Spirit. At one point, the apostles were arguing over who was the greatest disciple. It was during this conversation that Jesus empowered them all equally. **Mat 18:20**, *“For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.”*

And again in one of my favorite verses... **Mat 28:20**, *“teaching them to observe all*

*things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.*" It is interesting that the symbolism of the remembrance of God's commandments as represented by the color blue is once again connected to the Lord's omnipresence.

**Col 3:11**, *"where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all."* **The Lord is not prejudiced and doesn't play favorites... He is everywhere.**

## **How can we demonstrate this attribute in OUR life?**

Obviously we can't literally demonstrate Jesus' omnipresence in our finite physical lives. But we can do things that exhibit our faith in His omnipresent nature.

### **By reading God's Word.**

Since Jesus is everywhere, He is also in our hearts and minds. To ensure that He is in those places, we need to read the Bible on a regular basis. Daily, if possible. Allow His word to sink deep into our hearts and stay rooted.

### **By living God's commandments.**

We've seen through both the symbolism of the color blue and Jesus' words that the Lord's omnipresence is linked... connected... to the remembrance of God's commandments. We need to live our lives according to how Jesus said we should live. **Maybe that is the REAL reason why the sky is blue, why the ocean is blue. So that no matter where we are, no matter where we look, we see evidence of the Lord's presence... and a reminder to think and act in a way that is pleasing to Him.**

### **By going out... beyond the safe confines of Christian fellowship.**

Jesus went out among the people...sinners of all kinds. He shared the Good News and He loved people. And that's what we're supposed to do. Sure we need to be in Fellowship with other Christians, but not to the exclusion of reaching out and loving those who don't believe. Loving others doesn't necessarily mean "hard" witnessing and evangelism of handing out tracts and reciting Bible verses. It is also an act of

kindness... of caring. We may never know on this side of Heaven the ripple effect a single act of sharing God's Love had on the lives of people.

You've heard it said that Christians are in the world, but not of the world. That is so true. How can we love others into the kingdom of God if we spend all of our time cloistered in Church? How can we let our light shine if we limit our involvement with people to only believers? One of the reasons why we are supposed to be in fellowship so much is so that we can be re-energized... re-charged to go back out into the world! Paul sums it up nicely. **1Co 9:19-23**, *"For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win the more; [20] and to the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might win Jews; to those who are under the law, as under the law, that I might win those who are under the law; [21] to those who are without law, as without law (not being without law toward God, but under law toward Christ), that I might win those who are without law; [22] to the weak I became as weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some. [23] Now this I do for the gospel's sake, that I may be partaker of it with you."*

Do you know which of our dinner theatre movies had the greatest impact? No it wasn't King of Kings... no...it wasn't Luther. It wasn't even the Gospel of John. It was Agatha Christie's "Death on the Nile". True! Why? Because it allowed one of our sisters to reach out to those "without law". It isn't sinful to watch a mystery movie. But by doing so, she was able to make a connection.

We demonstrate Jesus' omnipresence by going out and being everywhere. So do it!