

"SPECTRUM OF THE LIGHT"

GREEN

What is the technical significance of this color?

Green is a secondary color which is achieved by mixing the primary colors yellow and blue. Green is considered to be a "cool" color. Because green sits in the center of the visible light spectrum, it doesn't trigger a reactionary feeling or mood, but a feeling of calmness, friendliness, and freshness. [Probably why Irish Spring soap is green, Prell and Clairol Herbal essence shampoos are green, and why Scope mouthwash is green... to give us the illusion of feeling fresh. But that's not always the case... green moldy bread doesn't make me think "freshness".](#)

Does this color have any symbolic meaning?

Green is the color of the ecology and money. Green on a stop light means "Go". [Hmm, the calmness and friendliness of green might explain why some drivers just sit at a traffic light when it turns green! They feeling calm and friendly and fresh!](#)

In heraldry (study of coats of arms and flags) green symbolizes hope, joy and sometimes loyalty in love. Religious symbolism of green represents bountifulness, hope, and the victory of life over death. Green is the color of Christmas and Easter.

In the Bible, green is the color of vegetation. (Psalm 23:2; Deuteronomy 12:2; Luke 23:31; Revelation 8:7) **Psalms 1:3**, *"He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper."*

[The leaf that "shall not wither" is a symbol of eternal life.](#)

What attribute of Jesus does this color represent?

His Eternal Nature

How did Jesus demonstrate His ETERNAL NATURE?

By creating all things...

John 1:3, "All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made." If Jesus made all things, then He had to exist before those things. And since Jesus is a person of the Godhead, He is eternal. **John 8:58**, "Jesus said to them, 'Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.'"

There are other verses that describe how Jesus holds all things together, indicating that He is still active in His creation. The book of Revelation shows how He will return and establish His Millennial kingdom, and the eternity of the New Heaven and New Earth. This is summed up nicely in 1 Thessalonians 4:17....

"Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. **And thus we shall always be with the Lord.**"

By having a light touch on the things of this world...

Jesus didn't have any worldly possessions. **Mat 8:20**, "And Jesus said to him, 'Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head.' " One of the reasons is because life in this world is temporal... it is temporary. But the life after death is eternal.

Jesus led by example. Consider a paper towel. We tear a sheet off the roll, wipe up a spill, and then throw it away. We don't try to wash the paper towel, flatten it, and dry it out so that it can be used at a later date. From an eternal Heavenly perspective, the things of this world are no different than that paper towel.

By being resurrected...

Act 1:21-22, "Therefore, of these men who have accompanied us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, [22] beginning from the baptism of John to that day when He was taken up from us, one of these must become a witness with us of His resurrection." By rising from the dead, Jesus demonstrated His victory over death. He

showed that there is something beyond physical death.

Jesus proved that what He had taught was the truth.

How can we demonstrate this attribute in OUR life?

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

By being good stewards.

Since Jesus created all things, then all that we have is really His. We should care for those things with the expectation that we will have to answer to the Lord for how we treated them. He has graciously given us things in this world to bless us, to help us, to help us serve others....but ultimately to bring glory to Him. The parable of the talents (Mat 25:14-30) is a perfect illustration of how we are to be stewards. We honor Jesus' Eternal nature when we are good stewards.

If you are like me, and have an "old school" way of thinking, then you probably rarely borrow something. But if you do, you promptly return as soon as you are finished with it. And you return it in the same condition (or better) than when you first received it.

By having a light touch on the things of this world.

Although we are to be good stewards of those things we have been given, we need to keep in mind that they are only things...and that they are temporary. These things don't have any "deeper" meaning other than that they are for our use.

we had to exercise a light touch just last week << trading the Mini in >>

By acting like we know that we have an eternal life in Jesus.

As believers, we know that we have an eternal life in and with Jesus. With this knowledge, our lives should be "bountiful" and "full of hope". **Phi 4:6-7**, *"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; [7] and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."*

If we want to demonstrate the Eternalness of Jesus in our lives, we should be the most optimistic, the most hopeful, people in a crowd....within reason of course, and from a

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Heavenly perspective.

I'm sure that we've all been to funerals and memorial services where some in attendance don't know the Lord and look at physical death as the ultimate end. If the deceased was a believer, then it is easy to share the perspective of eternal life with Jesus. If not, then we can share the importance of having accepted Jesus as Savior.

Think about it...It is BECAUSE Jesus is God and eternal that any of this even matters! Interesting how the color green is in the center of the visible light spectrum and that the eternal nature of God is central to salvation.