

SHINING AS A LIGHT IN A DARK WORLD

Text: Matt. 5v16

Christ commands us as believers to shine as light in the world. It is for this purpose that He saved us John 8v12 says “then spake Jesus again unto then saying “I am the light of the world he that follows me shall not work in darkness but will have the light of life.

As born again children of God who have received Christ we are supposed to radiate the light of life Phil/2v15. Mere profession alone is not sufficient proof that a person is a real child of God. It takes the light of God which comes through His word and believers' lifestyles to illuminate the dark world. A lifestyle of holiness and abstaining from anything evil often reprove the unbeliever and illuminate the light of Christ in you. This is why apostle Paul who exhorted the Christians in Philippians did not live by any other standard He constantly examined his life in the light of the gospel and led a Christ-like life free from sin. We too as modern day Christians should follow this example by leading a life that is righteous and free from the population of sin. Our Christian profession and service will be in vain here and in eternity if we fail to show our righteous deeds for others to see. Our lives must be a reflection of our Lord Jesus Christ who died on the cross to translate us out of the kingdom of darkness into His marvelous light. So our lives must radiate the light of God. We must be the light that shines in our homes, communities, workplaces, schools and colleges and we must at all times lift up the banner of righteousness to the glory of God.

Furthermore, we must shun worldly patterns of life and norms that are in direct conflict with the law of God. We must no longer involve ourselves in the works of darkness. As light we are to exhibit Christ-like virtues though we guide others on the right path to thread. Matt. 5:13-16.

When salt is applied, it dissolves inward and disappears but you can feel the taste. The salt speaks of the inward part of a Christian character. The light which is seen and on the outside speaks of the testimony of a follower of Christ revealing and illuminating the truth.

What must we do to shine as light

1. We must confess and repent from our sins – Rom.

10v9-1

2. We must accept Christ as our Lord and personal savior

3. We must totally submit to the will, authority and power of God. James 4v7

4. We must study His word daily – 1 Tim. 2v15, Joshua 1v8

5. We must obey His commandments and ordinances – Deut 5v33, John 14v23, Deut 28v1.

6. We must walk in the light of His word – Gal. 5v16

7. We must be consecrated to God – 1 Peter 2v9

8. We must be bold and courageous and holding forth the word of life – Phil 2v16, Ezek. 33v8-9. The sinful world wants us to compromise the righteous standard of the gospel but we must withstand the pressure with courage, commitment and consecration.

What happens if we fail to shine as light?

Total darkness will pervade the world and that will be to the detriment of humanity. This is why we must all submit to Jesus Christ so we can shine as light and illuminate the whole world. Sin and evil will overwhelm righteousness – Prov. 14v34

The world will be in danger – Ezek. 18v20, Rom 6v23.

You have to bow down your head and pray. Say Father please let my light shine and reprove this world of darkness. Say Father please do all you need to do in my life so that I can shine for you.

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God bless you

