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Where There is Light - There is Hope

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Light in Heaven
SHINING FOR US
LONG AS WE
ALIVE.

I. Introduction

A.) Isa 9:2 The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

1.) The children of Israel being led to the promised land.

B.) Eph. 5:14 Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.

1.) We are told to arise out of the sin that is holding us back from heaven, and let Christ lead us.

C.) Acts 13:47 For so hath the Lord commanded us, saying, I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth.

1.) When the Jews rejected the Gospel, it was sent to the Gentiles.

II. The Light

A.) John 8:12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

1.) Jesus is declaring himself as the Light of the world.

2.) Jesus lays stress on the truth, that he came to give light to the world, and with this light you will have life.

B.) John 1:4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

1.) The light of life is the gospel of Jesus Christ. It enlightens everyone who recieves it and teaches the divine will of God.

2.) Christ fills your life with light when you recieve the word of God. Jesus is the source of light,

I Jn 5:11-12 AND THIS IS THE RECORD, THAT GOD HATH GIVEN TO US ETERNAL LIFE, AND THIS LIFE IS [redacted] IN HIS SON.
HE THAT HATH THE SON HATH LIFE; AND HE THAT HATH NOT THE SON OF GOD HATH NOT LIFE.

and all who come into the world, if they are enlightened at all, must recieve the light from Christ

C.) Ps 119:105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

1.) God's word is the pathway, the light to all men, the lamp which shows the way to truth.

2.) God is the source of all light and only he who looks to God can find true light.

~~but look to~~ God

D.) MATT 5:14-16 pg 1017

1.) We are told to do four things:

a.) ~~to~~ to let our light shine.

1.) Jesus says to "let" our light shine before men, "not" shine your light before men.

Button - I AM A CHRISTIAN

b.) Where to let our light shine.

1.) The purpose of Christian's "letting their lights shine" is not for self-glorification or honor, [redacted]s, but that other men may see your good works.

NOT BAD WORKS - WE DON'T DO BAD WORKS - OR DO WE? NO WORKS ARE BAD WORKS.

LOOK WHAT I DID FOR CHRIST

c.) How to let our light shine.

1.) By good works Christ means there should be no false display of devotion, or boasts, of one's goodness as a member of the body of Christ

2.) The "good works" are the works that will proclaim the life of Christ in us.

2.) Why to let our light shine.

SPREADING A CHRISTIAN LIVING LIFE

1.) Christian's shine through their loves devotion to the Church in spreading the gospel; and in doing this they glorify God.

III. Question = Are we doing every possible thing to express our good works, and doing our part in fulfilling the mission of the Church?

A.) Our mission as members is to :

1.) spread the Gospel

2.) bring the lost to Christ

ITS NOT GOING TO BE UNDER THAT BASKET, BUT OUT WHERE EVERYONE CAN SEE IT.

3.) Help those in need.

B.) Are we doing our part? If we are doing our part, the gospel light should by no means be hidden from the world.

1) II Cor 4:3-6 pg 1225

a) We are this light, the pathway that leads lost sinners to Christ.

HOW DO YOU HIDE THE GOSPEL? BY NOT SPREADING IT.

b) If we hide the gospel we are unable to benefit the Lords work. IS YOUR LIGHT HIDE UNDER A BASKET?

c) We must teach the true gospel of Christ, for the world and its false teachers have blinded the minds of many.

2.) Unless through this gospel we can show Christ as the image of God, and that he is our savior, we have HIDDEN our gospel.

3.) God once winked at ignorance but now it is our responsibility as Christians, to educate the world to the truth of the gospel.

a.) We must realize this responsibility and do our best to spread the gospel.

b) The best way we can spread the gospel is by working together.

II. We must pray for one another, and help one another, in everyway. But most of all, we as a congregation must worship in harmony and peace.

A.) I John 2:8-11 pg 1296

1.) We are commanded to love our brother.

2.) Love your brother and walk in the light of Christ with him.

3.) Christ wants peace, love and harmony in His place of worship.

B.) In the Bible, light is put for knowledge and holiness; darkness for ignorance, error and sin.

1.) Light is not only opposed to darkness, but it overcomes it.

2.) all the darkness in the world cannot put out

one small candle.

a.) neither can all the sin of the world put out the light of a devoted Christian.

ONLY YOU CAN PUT YOUR LIGHT OUT →

c.) The light of Christ dispels the world's darkness by overcoming its ignorance and sin.

1) It will shine through his followers in the world.

LIGHT IN WINDOW - WAY HOME →

2.) such a light cannot be hidden.

D.) Our lights must shine through our honest and upright behaviour among men.

SEPARATE OURSELVES FROM THE WORLD BY THE WAY WE LIVE. →

1.) a Christian cannot let his light shine by living alone.

a.) his light must become a blessing to all who may come under its influence.

2.) The life that a Christian must live is the life of service to all, that we may be one in him.

E.) John 17:20-23 pg 1174

1.) The Lord prayed for unity, that we ALL OF US might be one light in him.

a) by being one in him we can come out of the darkness and share the glory of the light of Christ.

OF THE WORLD →

~~b.) we are to walk as children of light~~

F.) Eph 5:8 For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord; walk as children of light.

LAMP NOT OUT OF IS COVERED →

1.) The light which blesses men is all concentrated in Christ. Those who walk in darkness will stumble, because they are unable to see their way.

2.) Those who walk in the the light can recognize, and therefore avoid the pitfalls which they may encounter.

II. Satan works overtime trying to set pitfalls in which he can trap us.

A.) Acts 26:17-18 pg 1186

DIMMER SWITCH ON LIGHT →

1.) When Satan enters into our hearts, he dims our light.

a.) His object in veiling our minds is that

the light of the truth of the gospel will not shine on our hearts.

2.) Satan dims out our lights by filling our hearts with the love of evil and worldly things.

3.) Once Satan has entered our hearts only through prayer and repentance can we regenerate the love we have for Christ.

AND THE HELP OF OUR BRETHERN IN THE CHURCH

4.) Therefore men many have the gospel light shining all around them and directed fully upon them and yet be blinded by the veils of Satan.

B.) John 3:19-21 pg ~~1122~~ 1122

1.) Those who refused to believe in the light were under condemnation, because they loved the darkness rather than light.

a.) they loved Satan rather than Christ.

2.) Where there is light there is hope - the light is Jesus Christ and the hope is in Him.

II. Put your hope in something worthwhile - Christ is worthwhile, for in Him we have the hope of life eternal.

A.) In Christ we have the hope to:

1.) know definitely we are saved.

2) to have the joy of prayer and communion with God, with the assurance that he hears us.

3.) have the pleasure of serving our fellowmen in everyway possible.

4) to enjoy the happiness of having our affections set on things above; not on things of this earth."

5.) to have the satisfaction of having helped spread the Gospel of Christ.

6.) to have the assurance that you will hear "Well done thy good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joys of thy Lord."

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B.) Some men doubt this hope; but let us all place our hope in Jesus Christ.

c.) John 1:6-10 pg 1119

1.) God foretold the coming of the Light, letting us know that without a doubt Christ is the true Light.

VII Closing

A.) Do you know Christ?

B.) Do you live according to the truth of the Gospel?

OR ARE YOU HIDING IT →

C.) Do you love the Light and rejoice in it?

D.) Christ died for you. Do you love him?

a.) If you don't, won't you come out of the darkness of sin?

b.) Won't you believe that where there is Light there is hope? The hope of <u>eternal</u> life.

c.) Won't you come and walk in the Light of Christ?

1.) believing on him

2.) repenting

3.) Confessing his name

4.) being buried with him in baptism.

E.) "For he that doeth truth, cometh to the Light."

If you are subject to the invitation in anyway won't you come — ?