

Sermon Notes 11.06.2022 Commands of Jesus – “Let Your Light Shine before Men”

The Word interprets the Word and the Holy Spirit illuminates the Word and Brings it to Life, so that its not just paper and ink words on a page –

"Let your light shine before men"

Matthew 5:16 "Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven."

Sunday School Song – “This Little Light of Mine”

Jesus Said, “I am the light of the world.” – While I am in the world.”

John 9:4-5 "We must work the works of Him who sent Me as long as it is day; night is coming when no one can work. 5 "While I am in the world, I am the Light of the world."

John 1:4 "In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men"

John 8:12 Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, "I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life."

1 Corinthians 11:1 Be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ. [Be ye followers of me, even as I also *am* of Christ.]

Jesus Came to the Jews First, But also to the Gentiles

Romans 1:16-17 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. 17 For in it *the* righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "BUT THE RIGHTEOUS *man* SHALL LIVE BY FAITH."

The Messiah – Jesus Came as “The Light” to Fulfill Prophecy

Isaiah 49:6 ... I will also make You a light of the nations So that My salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Luke 2:29-32 "Now Lord, You are releasing Your bond-servant to depart in peace, According to Your word; 30 For my eyes have seen Your salvation, 31 Which You have prepared in the presence of all peoples, 32 **A LIGHT OF REVELATION TO THE GENTILES**, And the glory of Your people Israel."

What Does, “You are the Light of the World” / “Let your light shine...” Mean?

Matthew 5:14-16 "**You are the light of the world.** A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; 15 nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. 16 **"Let your light shine before men** in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

- Who is, "In the House" For You? – Who is "In Your House?"
- Light: Love, truth, Word / word and Deed
- **Ephesians 5:8-10** for you were formerly darkness, but **now you are Light in the Lord; walk as children of Light** 9 (for **the fruit of the Light consists in all goodness and righteousness and truth**), 10 trying to **learn what is pleasing to the Lord.**

Relational – Knowing Jesus – Can I, in Some Way, Meet Jesus by Meeting You?

- **2 Corinthians 4:6** For God, who said, "Light shall shine out of darkness," is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

The Work of the Indwelling Holy Spirit is to Reveal Christ in and Through Us

Act 1:8 but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

The Witness of the Holy Spirit (Confirming the Word "With Signs Following")

Matthew 6:22-24 "The eye is the lamp of the body; so then **if your eye is clear, your whole body will be full of light.** 23 "But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light that is in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! 24 "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

Who Are We a Light to?

Ephesians 2:12-13 ... you were at that time separate from Christ, excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, **having no hope and without God in the world.** 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been **brought near by the blood of Christ.**

1 John 5:19-20 We know that **we are of God, and that the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.** 20 And we know that **the Son of God has come**, and has **given us understanding so that we may know Him who is true;** and **we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.**

Philippians 2:13-16 "for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for *His* good pleasure. 14 Do all things without grumbling or disputing; 15 **so that you will prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world,** 16 **holding fast the word of life,** so that in the day of Christ I will have reason to glory because I did not run in vain nor toil in vain."