

# A PERFECT WITNESS IS LIGHT TO THE WORLD

Mat.5:13-15

To be a light we must have His life

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

1John 5:12 He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

Phil. 2:15 "ye shine as lights in the world;  
16 Holding forth the word of life"

1Peter 2:9—*But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises <arete>(virtue, valor, value)of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:*

II Peter 1:3-5

2Peter 1:5—*And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue<arete>(praise, virtue, valor, value) ; and to virtue knowledge;*

John 5:35 (be a burning and a shining light)

The excellence of His life in you; shining forth bright.

I. The Intrinsic Value In You ("Be A Light") vs.13

✓ No burning—no light, no brightness—No life

A. True light – 'Born of God' alive inside and out.

I John 5:4 "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."

## Centennial Light Bulb:

At the Livermore Fire Dept; hand blown light bulb; built by Shelby with a carbon filament inside. It is 108 years old and still running; not only the light but everything from the ceiling to the light is still original. The filament of the bulb is much larger than the common filament we have today.

I John 3:9 "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God"

B. Fake light (meant to represent something real)

✓ You can't be a light without His Life

C. Burning, Shining light (really Real) value for real

## II. The Specific Spot For You ("Be A Light") 14-15

A. Bushel – Hidden Religion

B. Candlestick – "God's Will"

✓ Place designed specifically for the candle... (you)

There is season – opportunities to be a light

C. A city (of lights) on a hill cannot be hid. (Mat. 5:14)

Col 3:1-4

3—*For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.*

1. Our place in Christ in God is a visible witness.

2. Our affections are a visible witness to all.

3. We all have our place each one is needed.

## III. The Eternal Value Operating By You ("Be A Light") 16

- In Action: without light how can men see the exit sign

A. Let Your Light Shine! Genuinely...

light by character shines by actions not by words (sounds) or mere man's doctrines...

Character is like the rooted tree it continues to grow, its shadow is like reputation it comes and it goes.

Good character is the well grounded light.

Bad character is ungrounded, wild fire, fake

## B. Let Your Light Shine! Faithfully...

John 9:5 "As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

Philippians 2:15 "...in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world"

2Cor. 2:14 Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place.

Mat. 5:15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

- ✓ Even low light always expels some darkness
- ✓ Every Christian that shows any of Christ's life and love will be noticed.

John 1:9 That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

- ✓ Every lamp must be lighted by God.

Ps 34:5 They looked unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed.

2Cor. 4:4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

Every lamp must give light.

It's not the lamp but the light in the lamp that must be seen.

## C. Let your light shine! Perfectly...

Pov.r 4:18 But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

a. What is this light?

- ✓ Eph. 3:17 (Christ dwelling in your heart)
- ✓ Gal. 2:20 "Christ liveth in me"
- ✓ Col. 3:4 "Christ, who is our life"

D. Let your light shine! Rejoicingly

John 5:35 "He was a burning and a shining light: and ye were willing for a season to rejoice in his light."

1. The supreme business of the church is winning and training souls to be faithful witnesses. (Acts 1:8)
2. Three characteristics of a healthy church. (Jn.5:35)
  - a. Burning—A Consuming desire (right desire)
    - i. Vision for things above.
    - ii. Compassion for souls.
      1. Saved and unsaved
    - iii. Very strong value on—love for truth.
  - b. Shining—A Righteous life (right living)
    - i. An unhindered light will shine
      1. Unhindered by false doctrines
      2. Unhindered by sin
  - c. Light—Truth
    - i. Light has to be with truth
    - ii. Light from the oil of the Holy Ghost

For the church to be an effective light in the world it must be obedient to the Word of God.

A. The Church exists for a two-fold purpose

1. Exalt Christ with His Righteousness manifesting.
2. Manifest Christ to all by obeying all His Word.