

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE



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Message Title: Live Brightly

Message Text: John 8:12, Matthew 5:14-16

Introduction:

We live in a sin darkened world. It is impossible not to see it! We feel it! The darkness of lies, violence, injustice, addiction, abuse, greed, syncretism and an astonishing confusion of the truth. How are we to live in this world? Are we to shrink back in fear? Do we just quietly go about our business hoping not to make a commotion? What would Jesus want us to know and do?

1. Jesus is _____ of the World (John 8:12a)

John 8:12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world...

1 John 1:5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

NOTE — the very essence of Christ is light.

QUOTE: Darkness speaks of death, ignorance, and sin; light speaks of life, knowledge, and holiness. —Wiersbe

Revelation 21:23 And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.

2. _____ have the Light of Life (John 8:12b)

John 8:12 ...he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

DEFINITION—FOLLOWETH: to fully follow to behave in accordance or in agreement with.

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NOTE — A disciple is a fully committed follower of Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 5:8 For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:

Matthew 25:30 And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

NOTE — Disciples are fully _____ in the world.

1 Corinthians 2:14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

2 Corinthians 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.

3. Disciples are to _____ the World (Matthew 5:16)

John 8:12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world...

Matthew 5:14–16 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. 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. 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

NOTE — The light we have is _____ —it is HIM!

GOOD WORKS — *flow from our relationship with Him*)

Acts 4:13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.

NOTE — The level of _____ in our world is directly related to the _____ of obedient disciples in the world.

Conclusion



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