

SECOND MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

# SCHOOL OF METHODS

## CHRISTIAN LIFE INSTITUTE

### BRIGHT LIGHTS

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

Matthew 5:14-16 (KJV)

Second



Tuesday, March 23, 2021  
6pm – Adult Session

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# WORLD OF DARKNESS

**Our world is full of darkness. What are the evils in our world? (you make a list of darkness you see)**

**Introduction**

- Racism      Poverty      Sexism      Pollution
- Addictions      Homelessness      Rape      Violence      Murder
- Anger      Envy      Deceit      Greed      Hate Crimes

# Question?

## How do we create a Just Society within a world of Darkness?

- By Being the Light in a dark world (Matthew 5:14-16)
- By speaking Light into Darkness (Genesis 1:1-4 & Proverbs 18:21)
- By separating light from darkness (Genesis 1:1-4)

# Who is the Light?

- **Matthew 5:14**

- We are the light
- The Believer who has faith in God is the light
- Those who have been redeemed by the blood of the lamb
- The disciples of Jesus Christ
- The Saved, Sanctified and Holy Spirit filled

# What is the Light?

- **Elements that give illumination**

- Gifts of the Spirit (1 Corinthians 12: 8-11)
- Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-24 & Colossians 3:12-17 )





# 9 Spiritual Gifts of the Spirit

## 1 Corinthians 12:8-11

- <sup>8</sup> To one there is given through the Spirit a message of **wisdom**, to another a message of **knowledge** by means of the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to another **faith** by the same Spirit, to another gifts of **healing** by that one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> to another **miraculous powers**, to another **prophecy**, to another **distinguishing between spirits**, to another **speaking in different kinds of tongues**, <sup>[a]</sup> and to still another the **interpretation of tongues**. <sup>[b]</sup> <sup>11</sup> **All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.**



# 12 Fruits of the Spirit

- **Galatians 5:22-24 (9 fruits)**

- <sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. <sup>24</sup> Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

- **Colossians 3:12-17 (3 more Fruits)**

- <sup>12</sup> Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. <sup>13</sup> Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. <sup>14</sup> And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.
- <sup>15</sup> Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

# When should the light shine?

- **Matthew 5:13a**

- Being the light means you should be the light all the time.
- Where there is darkness we must be the light.



Where should the light  
shine?

**Matthew 5:14-  
All around the  
world**

**Matthew 5:16-  
Shine before  
man/ Humanity**

# Why should you be the light?

**Matthew 5:15b-** so that we can cause change to happen and let this change start within our house.

**Matthew 5: 16-** That all humanity will see your good deeds and glorify God not self.

# How do we keep our light shining?

**Matthew 5:15a- By  
not letting anything  
or anyone dim or  
cover your light.**

**Awareness,  
Analysis and Action**

# Concluding the Lesson

What will you do to be the light God has called you to be in this World?

**Awareness-** Identify the issue(s) within your community, our nation and in other parts of the world. What will you be the light for?

**Analysis-** What is needed in order to address the issue(s) in our community, nation or world in order to experience love and justice?

**Action-** How are we called to act so that those issues maybe resolved and people can live in dignity?



Be the Light  
in Darkness



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# **Questions and Answers**

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