

Jesus is the Light of the World

A Living Gospel

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Matthew 5:14-16

“Jesus calls us to be ‘a living gospel’ to our family, friends and world.”

I. Jesus is THE Light of the World

“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” John 8:27

“This was Jesus’ original intention, for ordinary people like us to live inspiring lives, pointing others to the only message, the one Person, who can give them hope for not only this life but also the next.”

“Jesus intended His truth and character to be revealed, not only through the printed page, but also through the lives of His followers.”

II. Jesus Calls Us to Be Lights for the World

Jesus has not called us to be the lights of the Church, but the lights of the world! IT is of the very nature of light that it brings illumination.

“Jesus did not come to make slight alterations to our lifestyles. He called us to live for a completely different kingdom.” JD Greear

Ephesians 5:8 – “for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light...”

Philippians 2:15 – “that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world...”

A) *Light Shines*

Light is first and foremost something which is meant to be seen. We, as Christians, are meant to be seen. A Christianity that stops at the front door of the church is useless.

B) Light Guides

A light guides us down a path where something can be made clear. We as lights must make the way clear for others.

C) Light Warns

A light can often be a warning light. It tells us when danger is ahead. Sometimes it is our duty to warn other concerning the path they are taking.

III. God gets the Glory (v.16)

When we are lights, people will SEE our good works and give God glory!

Good – kalos means not only good but captivating, beautiful, attractive

IV. Conclusion

Jesus was willing to die for you. Are you will to live for Him?