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Spiritual light Pt 2 We are children of light – Shines as lights!

This is our second study on “light”. In our first study we established – (1) God is light and in Him is no darkness, (2) Jesus is the true light, that lighteth every man that comes into the world, (3) the gospel of Christ is light. In this study we establish (1) Israel’s prophets were “light”, (2) Christians were sometimes darkness, but now are children of light, and (3) Christians are the light of the world, we are to shine as light.

Our three points established from the scriptures –

1. Israel’s prophets were “light”.

“Her prophets are light and treacherous persons: her priests have polluted the sanctuary, they have done violence to the law” (Zeph.3: 4).

2. Christians were sometimes in darkness but are now children of light

“For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light” (Eph.5: 8).

3. We are the light of the world, we are to shine as lights

“Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an 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” (Matt.5:14 & 15),

We are to SHINE as lights in the world

“That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world” (Phil.2: 15).

Illustration

My best friend during my time in the Presbyterian church was Ross Davis, we sung, read our Good News bibles and sailed together. Ross got baptised into the Roman Catholic institution some years ago now, and his reason for doing so – the Pope’s love – captured him. Love that he did not feel from within the Presbyterian church.

Question to think about.

How do people know we are Christians?

Answer from the scriptures

The hymn says “by our love”, but the scripture say – The word of God is a lamp unto their feet and a light unto their path (Ps.119: 105, 139, and Prov.6: 23).

When we take heed of scripture we shine as lights in a dark place (2 Pet.1: 19).

Their light shines before men that they may see your good works – Mt 5:16

IF we walk in the light we have fellowship one with another – 1Jn 1:7.

Love your brother – abide in the light – 1Jn 2:10

ALL thing that are reprov’d – are made manifest by the light – Eph 5:13

Let us have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness but rather reprove them (Eph. 5: 11), that we, as children of light make manifest the things hidden in darkness (1 Cor.4: 5), let us speak words of truth, and shine as lights in the world!