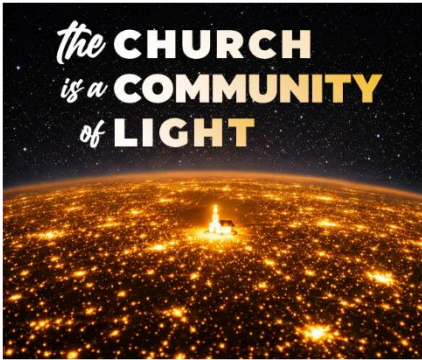


The Church Is a Community of Light

Part 2



The World is Waiting for Light

God is the Source of our Light

We were Darkness before we were Light

The Nature of our Light

Goodness is the Light of Generous Love

Righteousness is the Light of Integrity and Justice

Truth is the Light of Courageous Honesty

Why the Church is the Light, not just Individuals

The Light That Cannot Be Hidden

The Lamp Belongs on a Stand

We are Commanded to Let our Light Shine

Our Light Shines to Glorify the Father

Our Light must Overcome the Darkness, Not Give Into It

Our Fellowship is Walking in the Light _____

(1 John 1:7) But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

The Danger of Darkness _____

(1 John 1:6) If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth.

The Gift of _____ Light

For the Church to Shine, We Must _____ Together

We Must Hold Fast _____

(Hebrews 10:23) Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

(Hebrews 10:24–25) And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. {25} Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

The Danger of Drifting _____

The _____ is a Light in the Darkness

(Matthew 5:14) “You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden.

(Matthew 5:16) In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

We are a _____

The Light of the _____ Church

(Acts 2:42) They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

(Acts 2:47) ...praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

What a Shining _____ Looks Like

The _____ of Every Believer

I am Saved and _____ are Saved

Getting _____

1. Shine through Holiness.

(1 Thessalonians 5:5) You are all sons of the light and sons of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness.

2. Shine through Love.

(John 13:35) By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

3. Shine through Witness.

(1 Peter 3:15) But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.

But do this with gentleness and respect,

4. Shine through Suffering.

(Philippians 2:14–16) Do everything without complaining or arguing, {15} so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe {16} as you hold out the word of life—in order that I may boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor for nothing.

5. Shine through Prayer and the Spirit.

(Colossians 4:2–3) Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. {3} And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains.

A Call to _____

Let's Shine _____

So _____ and Shine

(Isaiah 60:1) “Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you.