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Shining Lights

Jesus said, “*You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.*” (Matt. 5:14). In the immediate context of this verse Jesus set His followers in contrast with the rest of the world. This verse calls attention to a world that exists in darkness due to sin. The lives of followers of Jesus, in contrast, radiate the light of righteousness. The difference between His followers and the rest of the world is so stark that Jesus uses the illustration of a city built on a hillside. At night, when the sun goes down and the residents of the city light their homes for the evening, the city naturally stands out in the surrounding darkness. There is no way to hide a lit up city situated high up on a hillside at night. Its light calls obvious attention to itself.

Christians are to be illuminating light in a dark world. Their righteousness should naturally call attention to their presence in a world engulfed in the darkness of sin. Christians should not be arrogant, but neither should they be ashamed of their difference from the world around them. In fact, Jesus instructs in vs. 16, “*Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in Heaven.*” Christians need to be aware that they are different from the world, and they should cherish and nurture that difference. At the same time, Christians need to have a deep desire to use their own light to help others see the way to salvation. How can Christians let the light of righteousness in their lives shine sufficiently to help others find the way to salvation and glorify God at the same time?

One obvious way for Christians to let their lights shine is to continue to live in righteousness. Christians have to remain faithful in the way they follow the Lord. They cannot live any old way they please, they must live in a way that pleases Jesus. They must live by His teachings. John calls it “*walking in the light.*” Only thereby can we have fellowship with our Savior (1 Jn. 1:7).

Closely related to this, Christians must continually study and learn God’s word (2 Tim. 2:15). Only by *learning* God’s word can they *live by* God’s word. Christians let their lights shine as they exemplify God’s teachings in their lives. They can only exemplify God’s teachings if they know God’s teachings, and they can only know His teachings by studying and learning His word. “*So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God*” (Rom. 10:17).

Another way Christians can let their lights shine is by serving God in a dedicated, openly committed way. The words *inactive* and *Christian* should not go together. Inactivity in service to God does not describe a spiritually mature, faithfully dedicated Christian. As Christians we are to be “*zealous for good works*” (Tit. 2:14). James pointedly emphasizes the truth that “*faith without works is dead*” (Jas. 2:20).

Each of us should continually check the light switches in our lives to make sure they are in the *on* position. If our lights are not shining, then we too stand to be lost in the darkness of sin...

Adapted from an article by: Gary L. Hutchens - Sunny Slope Church of Christ

We have a commitment, empowered by the Holy Spirit,
To give glory to God
To be unified in reaching others
To be living witnesses for Christ

*Welcome to the
Palm Springs Church of Christ*



Welcome, all! May God's light shine upon us as we gather to worship. May the brilliance of His light and His wisdom fill us. May it be as a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. (Ephesians 6:18)"

Pray for our Church family:

Pray for those that mourn: David and the Winings family; Wanda Goodenough and family; Jeff Mercer and family. We ask that you pray for the improved health of: Mae Britton, Kerry Britton, Sue Collins, Phyllis Francis, Wanda Goodenough, Delores Jensen, Betty Johnson, Brenda Jones, John Leonard, Roy & Lucy McDonald, Jeff Mercer, Jerry Munn, Dail Paramore, and Francis Pati.

Pray for family & friends:

Please pray for Natalia Wood who's mother recently passed away, Kathy's son-in-law Jonny Westom and family as they mourn the loss of his grandparents and for the improved health of: Mary Fields, Keith & Lisa Britton, Delores' brother Len, Marjorie Counts, Kathy's husband Kevin, Brianna Schaldweiler, Robert Gray, Derek Fields, Dail's friends Marie and Teddy Kovack who is recovering from cancer surgery, Brenda's son Uriah, Rossie Stansbury, and Wanda's daughter Lynette.

First responders: Please keep those who are serving their communities in your prayers: Phyllis Francis' extended family member Alisha K. (EMT). Dail Paramore and Stuart Huggins' family members: Joanna Carter (Nurse), Luther Carter (Naval Officer), Jody Huggins and Jory Huggins (both are MI Patrol Officers). Jerry Munn's sister, Dr. Janice Massey of N.C. If you have family members or friends you would like to add to this prayer list, please let Kathy know.

Military:

Jeff Mercer's son-in-law Brandon Deusenberry, Glenn Fields, and Kathy's family friends T. Burgess and T. Cairo.

Prayer Warriors Corner

Father in Heaven, please replace my fear of Your Holy Spirit with a love, joy, and peace that is as priceless as our stubborn ways are worthless. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Our Daily Bread: Mart Dehaan; February 2020

Read: 1 John 2:18-27

News:

HEAVEN HOLDS ALL: Our beloved Joyce Winings departed this world, bound for the promised land, Wednesday morning, December 1. She leaves a hole in the local church family and will be dearly missed, but we rejoice that she knows victory in Jesus.

Please pray for Lynette as she continues to recover from surgery, Jerry and Camelia's daughter Christy who is suffering with severe back problems and Roy and Lucy as they will be traveling back from Texas this week.

Reminder: Our new email address is: **pscoc@outlook.com**. Please discontinue using the @hotmail address as this it is no longer in use. Thank you.

*Individually wrapped **communion supplies*** are available for those who are not comfortable with in-person worship service and/or during temporary closures.

Matthew 5:14-16: "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

2 Corinthians 4:6: For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

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."



Birthdays:

Jeff Mercer: 12/8



Wedding Anniversaries

Jerry & Camelia Munn: 12/28

**Worship service:
Sunday mornings @ 10:30 a.m.**

Unvaccinated individuals are required to wear a mask or cloth face covering

Please bring your own bible

While we will be having in-person worship service on Sunday mornings, we understand that there are still many of our number that are still not comfortable attending. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you, and that you are truly missed.

In the meantime, the expenses of maintaining the building, yard care, property insurance, utilities, etc. continue. If you can continue your financial support, please mail it to:
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P.O. Box 2267
Palm Springs, CA 92263
(Checks or money orders - please do not mail cash)

God bless us all and bless our families and loved ones too.

In Search of the Lord's Way: Watch excellent Bible-based messages every Sunday, 7:30 a.m., on KCWQ, VHF channel 2 or UHF channel 26. Also Available ANY TIME online with You Tube. Just enter: SearchTVMinistry and pick a sermon.

Sermons on line: For the most recent locally recorded sermon, simply go to the Palm Springs Church of Christ webpage and click on the "sermons" category at the top of the page.

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