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Let There Be Light

“And God said, ‘Let there be light,’ and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness” (Genesis 1:3-4).

The authors of the Bible look back to the creation to speak to the way God’s righteousness, wisdom, and goodness call us to him. We all benefit from physical light. How does God’s light bless us *spiritually*?

God dispels our darkness. When we give in to sin, we embrace darkness, ignorance, and evil. Our understanding is ***“darkened”*** (Eph 4:18). In fact, our whole body is ***“full of darkness”*** (Matt 6:23). We live in the ***“domain of darkness”*** (Col 1:13). Just like the darkness hovers over the waters at creation, so we grope in desperation, cold, broken, and needy. So God sends Jesus into the world: ***“the true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world”*** (John 1:9). Just like light, we would expect that everyone would welcome him—but shockingly, many recoil from the light. ***“And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed”*** (John 3:19-20). They reject God’s word because it convicts and shames them. This explains the universal human hesitancy of exposing our works to scrutiny. Yet the bright exposure of the light brings liberation and healing.

God teaches us to live in light. But there is more than the initial change God’s light brings. Our first experiences with light mean that we can never go back to darkness in the same way. We crave light. We seek it out for the rest of our lives. In the same way, the light of God’s truth is something we live in for the rest of our lives. ***“For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light”*** (Eph 5:8). Paul’s immediate application of this principle is to ***“take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them”*** (Eph 5:11). We no longer participate in the things that we used to while we lived in ignorance or rebellion, but instead call them out as evil. We are not led astray easily by false teachings ***“for you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness”*** (1 Thess.5:5). Living in light means that we don’t behave the way we used to: ***“For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation”*** (1 Thess. 5:7-8). Sobriety, trust, love for others, and a firm hope are all light-behaviors. They are not restricted to our conversions, but are ongoing spirits to pursue.

God creates light to be a blessing to mankind—to give him order, understanding, and awareness of himself and others. He has given us spiritual light too—for the same reasons.

Are we living in God’s light? Are we shining that light before others?

condensed from an article by Jacob Hudgins, *fairviewparkchurch.com*



**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



We are grateful for your presence today. In this place of worship, let your worries give way to peace and your doubts be changed into hope. Let us remind ourselves that the Lord holds the whole world in His hands. May the Lord bless us all!

“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:

Please keep Byron in your prayers as he continues to suffer from chronic headaches. We also ask that you continue to pray for the improved health of: Mae Britton, Kerry Britton, Lynette Brink, Sue Collins, Phyllis Francis, Wanda Goode-nough, Brenda Jones, John Leonard, Roy McDonald, Jeff Mercer, Jerry Munn, Dail Paramore, and Francis Pati.

Pray for family & friends:

Pray for Kathy’s niece Shyanna as she has been diagnosed with Lupus; for James Brannon’s dad who was recently hos-pitalized and friend Erik Merenda who continues to receive chemo & radiation treatments, for Dustin Parker’s dad, Mike who continues to recover from a stroke, for Kerry’s co-worker, George Dagnino who has been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer and Kathy’s cousin-in-law, Michelle Cande-lario who is undergoing radiation treatments. Pray for the improved health of: Jim & Mary Ann D’Arcy, Mary Fields, Joy Gabel Filippone, Keith & Lisa Britton, Marjorie Counts, Kathy’s husband Kevin, Derek Fields, Dail’s friends Marie C. and Teddy K.

First responders: Please keep those who are serving their communities in your prayers: Alisha K. (EMT); Joanna Carter (Nurse), Luther Carter (Naval Officer), Jody Huggins and Jory Huggins (both MI Patrol Officers); 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 T. Burgess and T. Cairo.

Prayer Warriors Corner

God, it is so good to know that there’s an even better life waiting for us on the other side of death. Help us to be ready to go. In Christ. Amen.

Power For Today: Dan Knight; September 2016
 Read: 2nd Corinthians 5:1-10

News:

Potluck: There are 2 scheduled potlucks left before we take the summer months off. Thank you to those who have participated in our previous potlucks and time of fellowship. Our next potluck will be Sunday, April 2nd following worship service.

The Community Food Bank: is in need of non-perishable items such as: peanut butter, cereal, small packs of rice and dried beans, Macaroni & Cheese, Ramen/Cup of Noodles, Rice-A-Roni, pasta, jars or cans of pasta sauce, canned to-matoes, & canned fruit. Your donation is greatly appreci-ated.

In Search of the Lord’s Way: Watch excellent Bible-based mes-sages 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.
<https://youtu.be/FxMzZ6ZKMdQ>

Scripture Readings:
John 3:19-21 & John 12:44-46

This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light be-cause their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. But who-ever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it my be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God.

Then Jesus cried out, “When a man be-lieves in me, he does not believe in me only, but in the one who sent me. When he looks at me, he sees the one who sent me. I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness.

Sermon Topic:

“The Ongoing Battle: Light vs Darkness”



Birthdays:

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| Lizet Olea: | 3/1 |
| Enrique Olea: | 3/24 |
| Fina Letalu: | 3/28 |
| Phyllis Francis: | 3/30 |

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

Ladies Bible Class:
Thursdays @ 10:30 a.m.

WORSHIP ORDER

WELCOME / OPENING PRAYER

611: Heavenly Sunlight (1-3)
 337: Hallelujah! What a Savior (1-4)

COMMUNION & OFFERING

290: Shine, Jesus, Shine (1-2)

Brief Intermission

590: Jesus Is All the World to Me (1-3)

SERMON

INVITATION

808: Abide with Me (1, 3 & 4)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CLOSING PRAYER

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 at-tending. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you, and that you are truly missed.

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

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.

<http://www.crenshawchurchofchrist.com>

Tri Lakes Church of Christ in Monument, Colorado