

Sermon Notes

Shine - Pr. Tom (July 1st-2nd)

“You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”

Matthew 5:14-16 NKJV

I. You ARE a light.

- This truth is found in verse 14.

You are a child of God! A royal priesthood! The head and not the tail! You were not created to be of this world! You are an overcomer that needs to know his/her identity in Christ and from that bless the people you come in contact with. You need to know who you are in Christ so you can properly walk in the way that He has called you to walk. You are a light, you are not darkness.

No matter what the world tries to say that you are, you can always find your true identity in what Christ says about you.

- You are a light, you are not darkness

Once you know who you are in Christ you won't settle for who you used to be without knowing Him.

You will grow, and you will know that you are the light that this world needs to see.

II. Do not cover your light

This is found in verse 15.

- You need to walk the way that Christ is calling you to walk.
- Even in the midst of what may seem to be a norm and everyday life. No matter in your occupation or in class at school. Keep your light shining bright.
- There will be unplanned opportunities that show up where you can choose to be that light that the darkness so needs in that moment.
- You need to live your life so that at all times you are that light in the midst of the world.
- “Don't be ashamed of the Gospel because it is the power of God to salvation.”

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III. LET your light shine.

My last truth I grabbed from verse 16

“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”

Because you ARE a light you need to position yourself to shine! But the only way that a light can really be truly effective .. is to shine in the places where it is dark.

“And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.”

John 1:5 NKJV

Because of Jesus we can

- Love our enemies
- Be content in chaos
- Love people who the world deems “unlovable”
- Value people
- Have peace in storms
- Joy in the midst of tears.

Jesus is the answer, because of Him we can be that light that this world so very needs.

You are called to be that city on a Hill lighted with the light of Jesus.

Communion

“For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.” For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.”

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 NIV

Pray and close.