

Don't Cover It – Shine It!

Matthew 28:19-20 (KJV) Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Mat 5:13-16 (NKJV) You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. “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.”

6 THINGS THAT THE CHURCH OF TODAY IS DOING!

1. Christian UNITY is helping world evangelization.

2. A global PRAYER and INTERCESSORY movement is growing.

3. Churches are GROWING at a highly accelerated rate.

4. Global POLITICAL CHANGES have allowed the gospel to spread.

Habakkuk 1:5, NKJV “Look among the nations and watch -- be utterly astounded! For I will work a work in your days which you would not believe, though it were told you.”

5. Increased PERSECUTION indirectly advances the gospel.

6. Christians are concentrating on UNREACHED AREAS of the world.

Numbers 14:21 “But truly, as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord.” Let God's promise fill your heart with hope.

HOW CAN WE SHINE HIS LIGHT?

I. SPENDING TIME with The Lord in His Presence!

Jesus on one occasion said, “I am the light of the world.” but on another occasion he said, “YOU are the light of the world!”

WHAT IS HE TALKING ABOUT?

He Is Talking About a Transferred POWER, a Transferred GLORY!

A brilliance, a brightness, an ability to shine that is literally transferred from HIM to YOU!

Matthew 5:16 . . . LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE before all men that they may see your good works and glorify the Father which is in heaven.”

THE BIBLE IS FULL OF EXAMPLES OF THIS!

* **ENOCH was such a man.**

* **JESUS on the Mt. of Transfiguration**

Matthew 17:2 “And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light”.

* **ANGEL at the tomb.**

Matthew 28:2-3 “And, behold there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow:

* **STEPHEN shined in the face of his enemies!**

Acts 6.15 “And all that sat in the council, looking steadfastly on him, saw his face as it had been the face of an angel.”

* **DAVID had a hunger to see the face of God shine on him!**

Psalms 31.18 “Make thy face to shine upon thy servant: save me for thy mercies' sake.”

* **MOSES had an experience few men have had!**

* **The early CHURCH**

Psalm 68:1 (NIV) May God arise, may his enemies be scattered; may his foes flee before him.