

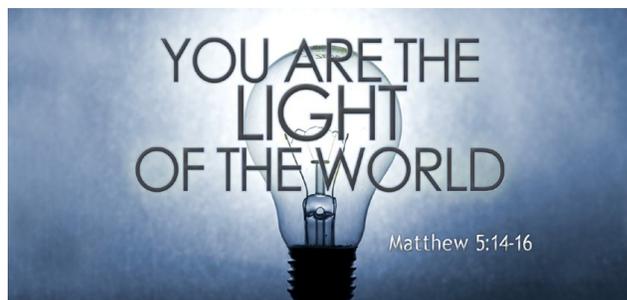
Shine Light in the Darkness

It's no secret; lights sparkle brightest in the darkest time. That's why diamonds are often displayed on black velvet. High-intensity lighting is directed at the gemstone, which in turn reflects into the world around them. We, as

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God's people, are described in a spiritually similar manner (Matthew 5:14-16; Philippians 2:14-16). Jesus Christ IS the Light of the world (John 8:12, 9:5). He has shone His love and grace upon us so that we, in turn, can then reflect and shine His light of hope and help into the dark world around us. And let's face it; the world is a very dark place these days. Even we, as God's chosen church can sometimes lose a little bit of our shine, luster, and hope by becoming anxious in these testing and trying times. And if that's the case with us, can we begin to imagine the despair, darkness, and hopelessness of those *without* God and His word at this time (Ephesians 2:12)?

That's where we as God's children, need desperately to shine on. Brethren, NOW is the time... THE TIME to share with your friends, neighbors, "social media" contacts and everyone you know—share the everlasting light and hope you have in Christ Jesus. It's possible that more people than usual will actually be more open than usual to the hope of the gospel. Due to the current crisis (Romans 8:28) we can provide for people. IN the next few months we may be put in touch with local people seeking information about the Pottsboro congregation through a House-to-House Heart-to-Heart mail-out. Are we ready to provide a Searching For Truth DVD or a Bible Correspondence Course? Please pray for the light and hope provided by these efforts.



When first-century brethren were scattered and could no longer assemble as a congregation of the Lord's church in Jerusalem (there was deadly danger there), what did they do? They preached the word of God everywhere they went (Acts 8:1-4). What happened then? The Bible says "A great number believed and turned to the Lord," "And a great many people were added to the Lord" (See Acts 11:19-24). Are we ready to guide people out of spiritual darkness?

Brethren, our world is consumed in Coronavirus darkness and desperately needs the Light we have been given IN Christ. Don't hide the light; have the high-beams on to display the way! Seek and save the lost (Luke 19:10; Matthew 28:18-20) – yes, despite the darkness! God bless your light-hearted-ness!

Bday/Anniv Lunch: ...when we can!

Bible Study: Consider your study of God's Word (see **2 Timothy 2:15**) Take time to learn Scripture today...

NMCCH: collecting aluminum foil and kitchen trash bags (pick up is later...)

* —THANK YOU for reading this!