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Praising the Father, Raising His Children, Reaching the World

Impacting the World as Light

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Scripture:	Matthew 5:14-16
Description:	This sermon calls all Christians of all ages to impact their society as light is the world full of darkness.

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness" - 2 Timothy 3:16

Sermon Transcript

Introduction

Darkness is dangerous. Wherever darkness is failure, accident, disorderliness, stagnation, evil, ignorance, wickedness, etc. are unavoidable. A world or life dominated by and engrossed in darkness is full of frustration and needs urgent help. The greatest darkness in the world is not the physical darkness dispelled by the sunlight, moonlight or manmade lights. The spiritual darkness is more dangerous. It is the origin of all the evils and wickedness in the world.

Understanding Spiritual Light

Spiritual is the origin of physical. The sun or moon have their creator. They are dependent on their creator who gives them power to shine. It is important to understand that Christians have their origin in God. Let's check their genealogy.

1. God is light (1 John 1:5-7). He lives in unapproachable light (1 Timothy 6:16). Every ungodly thought, speech or action is devilish. It is the work of darkness. You cannot claim to be godly and still walk in darkness.
2. Jesus is the light of the world (John 3:19; 8:12): Jesus is divinity in humanity. He is the express image of God. He came into the world to reveal who God is to us that we might behold him for an example and be like Him. No prophet reveals God to humanity like Jesus Christ. As God is light Jesus is the light of the world. Anyone who follow him will have light and walk in the light.
3. Jesus raised His disciples to be the light of the world (Matthew 5:14). As followers of Jesus Christ, we are godly in nature and in character. We have no fellowship with the devil because we belong to Christ and we fellowship with Him. As representatives of God on earth, we all have the duty to impact the world around us by dispelling darkness through the gospel message and godly live.

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"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." - Matthew 18:20