

Unconquered Light

Sunday Morning, May 4, 2014

Thesis: (Philippians 2: 14 – 16)

14 Do all things without complaining and disputing,
15 that you may become blameless and harmless,
children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked
and perverse generation, among whom you shine as
lights in the world,

16 holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in
the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored
in vain.

Shine as "Lights" In the World!

Introduction: (Imagine Peace Tower Pic on Screen)

Yoko Ono maintains a website called "Imagine Peace".
On the site she has various projects to promote peace.
One project is the Imagine Peace Tower of light that
she relit in Iceland in memory of her husband John
Lennon. Even with these efforts, Yoko Ono and many
others in the world are still not at peace. There will
come a time when a man will arise and bring peace to
the Earth. Everyone will worship him for doing such a
great feat. This will be a false peace. It is up to us to
shine the true light of peace provided by Jesus in to
this world.

I. Light is a Mark of Influence

(Job 29:3)

When His lamp shone upon my head, and when by
His light I walked through darkness;

Job reflected on his influence of Light in darkness

Is the Light of Christ A
Distinctive Character Trait of Yours?

II. Characteristics of Light (Matthew 5: 1 – 16)

1 And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain,
and when He was seated His disciples came to Him.

2 Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:

3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom
of heaven.

4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be
comforted.

5 Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for
righteousness, for they shall be filled.

7 Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called
sons of God.

10 Blessed are those who are persecuted for
righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 "Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you,
and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake.

12 Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your
reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who
were before you.

13 "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.

14 "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill
cannot be hidden.

15 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.

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

Unpopular Character Bears the Light of Christ

III. Unconquered Light **(II Corinthians 4: 1 – 13)**

1 Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we do not lose heart.

2 But we have renounced the hidden things of shame, not walking in craftiness nor handling the word of God deceitfully, but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

3 But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing,

4 whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

5 For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus' sake.

6 For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.

8 We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair;

9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed—

10 always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.

11 For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. *(more of psge on next pg)*

12 So then death is working in us, but life in you.

13 And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak,

Willing to Suffer to Bear the Light of Christ

Conclusion:

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