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Jesus, and His Lessons on Patmos

Background: Patmos was a small isolated island off the coast of Greece, which was used as a penal colony. Those sent there were never expected to survive the experience.

Text: Revelation 1: 12 - 16

"Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the seven lampstands *One* like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band. His head and hair *were* white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire; His feet *were* like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters; He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance *was* like the sun shining in its strength."

The Hook: The Celestial Vision of Christ!!!

Oh, my friends, if we could only grasp the fullness of this glorious message!

Reading this wonderful description of John's account of our Lord's glory is as staggering as it is astounding!

The figure is colossal, a word which means that it is immense, astounding and greater than we can imagine! May I say, not only is this vision colossal, but it is almost inconceivable and beyond our understanding!

How could anyone fully describe the picture of that "voice like the noise of many waters" (verse 15), or depict the feet of Christ as if they had burned in a furnace? (verse 15)

The fact is, brethren, that the details of this celestial vision are deeply instructive.

We know this for sure, the Apostle John fell as though dead ("And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last." Revelation 1: 17) when he heard this voice speak to him. This tells us he swooned, fainted dead away, upon seeing this amazing Holy sight!

John was overwhelmed, and though he wrote under Divine Command, he wrote none-the-less! He faithfully wrote what he saw and heard, and with total conviction that this was truly The Son of God! "The Jews answered Him, saying, "For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy, and because You, being a Man, make Yourself God." Jesus answered them, "Is it not written in your law, 'I said, "You are gods" '? If He called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and the Scripture cannot be broken), do you say of Him whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, 'You are blaspheming,' because I said, 'I am the Son of God'?" " John 10: 33-36

"He trusted in God; let Him deliver Him now if He will have Him; for He said, 'I am the Son of God.' " " Matthew 27: 43

John would soon learn many lessons which I will share with you now.

1. Christ has the keys of Death and Hades. "I *am* He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death. " Rev. 1: 18

2. Christ is the Creator of all things. ""You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honour and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created.""
Revelation 4: 11
3. Christ is Holy beyond anything we can imagine! "Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For *You* alone *are* holy. For all nations shall come and worship before You, For Your judgments have been manifested." " Revelation 15: 4
4. Christ alone is worthy. "saying with a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain. To receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honour and glory and blessing!"" Revelation 5: 12
5. Christ is The One Who was, and is, and is to come, totally eternal. "And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. " Revelation 11: 17
6. Christ is righteous, beyond our understanding. "And I heard the angel of the waters saying: "You are righteous, O Lord, The One who is and who was and who is to be, Because You have judged these things." Revelation 16: 5
7. Christ is faithful and true. "Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war." Revelation 19:11
8. Christ is called The Word of God. "He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God." Revelation 19:13
9. Christ is the Root and the offspring of David. "" Revelation 22:17

My friends, there is really nothing to which we can compare HIM. The very attempt of making a likeness in reference to HIM is utter profanity! Carnal objects are not aids to spiritual worship. They are actually snares to the mind and actually lead the heart away from God.

Friends, here in our text today this likeness is preserved for us by the special care and oversight of The Holy Spirit! Remember, The Holy Spirit is ever mindful of the edification of the saints. The Holy Spirit nurtures and nudges us ever closer to the truth of who Christ is.

We do not have any paintings, nor any picture to show us who Christ is, but only The Word of God describing HIM and showing us the wonderful glory of our Saviour! That is all we need!

And so we ascribe all honour and glory, majesty and power, and dominion unto HIM forever! (Rev. 4: 11) "To God our Savior, Who alone is wise, *Be* glory and majesty, Dominion and power, Both now and forever. Amen." Jude 1: 25

"Give unto the Lord the glory due to His name; Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness."
Psalm 29: 2

"Honour and majesty *are* before Him; Strength and beauty *are* in His sanctuary. " Psalm 96: 6

To HIM who dwells in unapproachable light, the very God of very God ("who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom *be* honour and everlasting power. Amen." 1 Timothy 6: 16), our Lord and Saviour ("But now Christ is risen from the dead, *and* has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep." 1 Corinthians 15: 20), we pay homage from full and grateful hearts, not only now, but forever, world without end!!

This morning we are invited to treasure these wonderful lessons from Christ! Amen!!

There are just 2 wonderful glorious points this morning that are packed full of life-giving truth this morning.

Today, we will explore the pre-eminence and power of our Lord Jesus Christ!

The Book 1:

Pre-eminence in reference to our Lord Jesus Christ

"In his right hand he held seven stars, and coming out of his mouth was a sharp, double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance." Rev. 1: 16

"The mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands which you saw are the seven churches." Revelation 1: 20

These passages explain to John that the stars represent the angels of the 7 churches to which he has been commanded to write.

The word used here is "angelus" which in Hebrew means "messenger". The stars are said to be the angels or messengers, or as many believe, the ministers whom God used as messengers to the churches, and from the churches to the out-lying world of that day. Even today God has ordained that there shall be those, anointed by The Holy Spirit, who beyond others, shall be the means of conversion and edification, and that like the stars in the sky of the church.

The church (eklessia) are the "called out ones" from the world. This tells us that God has set a star to burn in each church and lead all the eklessia in shedding God's light to others.

The 7 stars are 7 lights, please note that "in His hand He had seven stars" (verse 16).

Seven was a special, powerful and highly regarded number in the Jewish circle at that time. The number 7 is used 735 times in the whole Bible, and it is interesting to note that it was used 54 times in the book of Revelation alone!!!

Seven was considered the number representing completeness and perfection on both a physical and spiritual plane, and it is tied directly to God's creation of all things. After creating the world and everything in it, God rested when? On the 7th day! Why? Because He saw everything had been made, and it was good(perfect)!

The Bible was originally divided into seven major parts: 1) The books of the Law, 2) books of the Prophets, 3) the writings, we know as the Psalms and Proverbs, 4) The Four Gospels, 5) The Acts of the Apostles, 6) The Epistles of Paul, 7) The Book of Revelation.

Amazing!!! Revelation is a whole division on its own!!! Revelation stands alone!! Why? Because it reveals the fullness of the omnipotence of God and Christ!

Returning to verse 16, it says He held the stars in His right hand. Why would that be significant? Because, "Dextra Domini", Latin for the "Right Hand of God", refers to the omnipotence of God, and alludes to The Messiah to Whom all power and authority is given over His enemies. "The Lord says to my lord: "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet." Psalms 110: 1

"The right hand of the Lord is exalted; The right hand of the Lord does valiantly." Psalms 118: 16

So, all power, dominion, might and all authority is given Christ as HE is the head of the church, ruling over and protecting His servants, whom HE dearly loves.

Now, notice the 7 churches are represented by 7 golden lampstands, some versions refer to them as Candlesticks (verse 20). When is the best time to use a candlestick or lampstand? To give light at night, of course! "This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all." 1 John 1: 5

Brethren, the church has a clear purpose for existing upon the earth. It is to illuminate the surrounding darkness. "In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it." John 1: 4 & 5

The spiritual darkness refers to spiritually blind people living unaware of Christ and His mercy, and in separation from God. "And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed." John 3: 19 & 20

"The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great *is* that darkness!" Matthew 6: 22 & 23

"Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!" Isaiah 5:20

The ministers of the gospel are necessary to be lights to the present darkness. They are to struggle against the darkness and be shining lights until The LORD Himself shines forth HIS glory.

Brethren, The LORD will use HIS instruments, the ministers, until HE Himself returns, but even those whom HE calls HIS stars, HIS messengers, are only temporary and transient in a passing night.

Here's the lesson: This should make us think more humbly of ourselves. Our weakness, while we may be stars or lights, is that we can only shine because of Christ within us!! Without Him we can do nothing!! "I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing." John 15: 5

We minister to others, because HE first ministered to us!! And HE continues to minister to us still.

We are a poor lot! If left to our own psychology and psychotherapy, we would be lost!

The next point I wish to make is that those whose testimony God blesses for the salvation of men are compared to stars, and stars have acted as guides to sailors and travellers since early history!

Some of these stars in the sky have done wonderful service to wanderers and those lost in the forests of this world. The North Star has led many to victory and liberty!

Blessed are the influences of the messengers upon the hopeless, the lost, the wandering, the perishing, the desperate, the afflicted and the addicted! We, as guides must preach Christ crucified. "but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness," 1 Corinthians 1: 23. May The LORD forbid that we should preach anything else! Every messenger should preach, as John did, "Behold The Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the world." ("The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" John 1: 29)

So we need fewer fireworks and more stars!! We don't need pop stars and rock stars, but stars that shine for Christ!!

So many pews reflect the sorry condition of the pulpit today! The one conviction I have at this present hour, the one great need of the church at this present time is a faithful ministry from faithful servants. "Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful." 1 Corinthians 4: 1 & 2 "From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus." Galatians 6: 17

Yes, my brethren, one man given by God as a star, is worth 10 colleges full of people in darkness!! "For many are called, but few are chosen." Matthew 22: 14

"No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day." John 6: 44

So many others hear the call to ministry, but are waiting. What are they waiting for?

We need to see more men like some of our old-time preachers.

Men like Rev. Reuben "Uncle Bud" Robinson who lived 1860-1942. Born in a log cabin in the mountains of Tennessee, he had no education, was unable to read or write and stuttered so badly that he could barely say his own name, yet in the first year of his ministry, more than 300 gave their lives to Christ. After 4 years of ministry 16,000 souls were saved. He preached 32,176 sermons, an average of 500 sermons per year to 72 different denominations, and saw over a total of 200,000 come to Christ in a world-wide ministry. He personally gave more than \$85,000.00 to help young people with their Christian education, secured over 53,000 subscriptions to his church paper, The Herald of Holiness, and wrote 14 books which sold more than 500,000 copies. All from an uneducated, illiterate man powered by God!!!!

Uncle Bud's famous prayer was as follows:

"Oh Lord, give me a backbone as big as a sawlog, ribs like sleepers under the church floor, put iron shoes on me and galvanized breeches. Give me a rhinoceros hide for a skin, and a wagon-load of determination up in the gable end of my soul, and help me to sign the contract to fight the devil as long I've got a fist and bite him as long as I have a tooth, then gum him 'til I die. All this I ask for Christ's sake. Amen."

Then there was "One Eyed Christmas" Evans from Wales. He was born on Christmas day in 1766 to a poor shoemaker who died when he was only a child, so his widowed mother sent him to be supported and raised by her abusive, drunkard brother. Living without proper guidance, Christmas ran in the wrong circles and was involved in many accidents that nearly took his life. After his conversion, he was accosted by his former bad companions who beat him and struck him with a stick in the eye, causing the loss of it. Soon after being converted he began preaching himself, and despite his gruesome appearance crowds came to hear him speak and many were converted.

Ever heard of Rodney "Gypsy" Smith who lived from 1860-1947? Born in a tent, the son of a gypsy, he never went to school a single day in his life. He was an evangelist for 70 years.

Most of you have heard of Dwight Lyman Moody (1837-1899). He was only a shoe salesman with a Grade 4 education. This great preacher said, "The Bible will keep you from sin, or sin will keep you from the Bible!"

Another great evangelist from the past is Martin Lloyd Jones (1899-1981). He was a minister for 30 years despite never having had any theological training at all.

Ofcourse, you all have heard of Billy Graham (1918-2018) who was only the son of a dairy farmer, has advised presidents, queens and kings and held massive rallies all over the world. His son, Franklin William Graham, and his daughter Ruth Graham-Lotz now continue his ministry of reaching the lost.

These bright flames burned for Christ long ago! Why are there not more mighty preachers of The Living Word like them about today? Why? Because we fail to pray for great men and women to preach The Word! "O Lord, I have heard Your speech *and* was afraid; O Lord, revive Your work in the midst of the years! In the midst of the years make *it* known; In wrath remember mercy." Habakuk 3:2

"I will gather those who sorrow over the appointed assembly, Who are among you, *To whom* its reproach *is* a burden. Behold, at that time I will deal with all who afflict you; I will save the lame, And gather those who were driven out; I will appoint them for praise and fame In every land where they were put to shame." Zephaniah 3: 18 - 19

"and said to Jeremiah the prophet, "Please, let our petition be acceptable to you, and pray for us to the Lord your God, for all this remnant (since we are left *but* a few of many, as you can see), **3** that the Lord your God may show us the way in which we should walk and the thing we should do." Jeremiah 42: 2 & 3

“Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence, And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, And uphold me *by Your* generous Spirit. *Then* I will teach transgressors Your ways, And sinners shall be converted to You.” Psalm 51: 10 - 13

“For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of His Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers, making request if, by some means, now at last I may find a way in the will of God to come to you.” Romans 1: 9 & 10

“Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, **30** by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus.” Acts 4: 29 & 30

Why do we not pray for evangelists to rise up? Many ministers are half afraid that such men should come, because then they would be out-shone! But what better gifts can Christ give HIS church, from HIS own right hand, than pastors and teachers and evangelists!!! “And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, **12** for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the [a]edifying of the body of Christ,” Ephesians 4: 11 & 12

Pray for evangelists and pastors who are mighty in the pulpit to rise up and be bright stars burning for HIM!!! Oh, how we need men burning with passionate hearts and with voices crying in the wilderness (“The voice of one crying in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord; Make straight in the desert A highway for our God.” Isaiah 40: 3) proclaiming The Truth, The whole Truth, and nothing but The Living Truth, not yielding to the currents of the times.

Here is what to pray: “Oh, Lord fill your hand with stars again and light up the darkness with flaming preachers of your Holy Word. Amen.”

We need more evangelists and we need more people praying for The Word to be preached and heard. Oh, that the bright stars would set flames of faith burning so strongly that the Fire Department will need to be called. Pray for flames of faith so bright and fierce that the Fire Department could never drown them out!!!

The Book 2: Power in reference to our Lord Jesus Christ.

Now, true power lies in Christ. I want you to notice, with great care the place of real power with respect to our Lord, Jesus Christ. In Revelation 1: 16 it says, “Out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword”. This describes the broad sword, the wide, heavy, two-edged sword that cuts both ways, not the flimsy thin foil.

Power, as I understand it here is sword-power, the true strength of the church, and it does not lie in her ministers. The battle and the victory are not with them, but with The LORD! “And he said, “Listen, all you of Judah and you, inhabitants of Jerusalem, and you, King Jehoshaphat! Thus says the Lord to you: ‘Do not be afraid nor dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle *is* not yours, but God’s.” 2 Chronicles 20: 15

“But thanks *be* to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” 1 Corinthians 15: 5

Please notice that “out of his mouth went the two-edged sword” (verse 16). Note that it did not come out from the stars, but out of our Lord’s mouth, demonstrating HE carries the strength which conquers all.

This means the true power of the church comes from Christ personally!!

The stars shine because Christ makes them shine! Their shining is not their own, it is in fact borrowed light with which they are radiant.

Brethren, the power that overcomes evil, wounds the stubborn hardened heart, pierces the scabbed conscience, kills the reigning sin and gives power over the devil is none other than the power of The LORD alone!!!!

Note that the sword is sharp. It is not some dull, worn out, weak sword, but it is rather a sharp, strong and true blade!

Glory belongs to God! "I *am* the Lord, that *is* My name; And My glory I will not give to another, Nor My praise to carved images." Isaiah 42: 8

Dominion belongs to God! "For the kingdom *is* the Lord's, And He rules over the nations." Psalms 22: 28

Power belongs to God! "To Him *be* the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen. By Silvanus, our faithful brother as I consider him, I have written to you briefly, exhorting and testifying that this is the true grace of God in which you stand." 1 Peter 5: 11 & 12

"God has spoken once, Twice I have heard this: That power *belongs* to God." Psalms 62: 11

"To God our Savior, Who alone is wise, *Be* glory and majesty, Dominion and power, Both now and forever. Amen." Jude 1: 25

This is a powerful lesson, True power lies in Christ, not in the power of man. There is no power in all the googles and gadgets men rely upon these days, only in the very being of Christ!

Christ retains all power in Himself, and it is from Christ we must seek it!

What marvellous, infinite resources the church truly has! All hail the power of Jesus' Name! Let angels prostrate fall!

Now another lesson to be learned is this! The power that wins souls is The WORD of GOD! "For the word of God *is* living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." Hebrews 4: 12

It is not my explanation of salvation, nor yours. Not my amplification of it, nor yours, Not my illustration of it, nor yours.

The power of salvation is not in the stars, but in The Word which made the stars. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men." John 1: 1-4

God's Word is the source of all things. Hebrews 4: 12, " All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for [a]instruction in righteousness," 2 Timothy 3: 16

Therefore I reckon that every sermon is a wasted sermon that does not have The Word of Life in it. I believe that any teaching without Christ or HIS Word is rotten rubbish! Believe this, oh generation that scampers after everything else today, only The Word of God brings wisdom and life!!!

Here is another vital lesson for you. The Word of God is The Word of God!! It will endure. It abides forever! 'The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever.'" Isaiah 40: 8

The Word of God will subdue all things to itself. The voice of The LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon, and we can do all things through it's power, and can do nothing without it!! "The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars, Yes, the Lord splinters the cedars of Lebanon." Psalm 29: 5

And here is yet another lesson: It is the Word of God as God Himself speaks it!!! Does Christ still speak The Word to HIS church? The answer is a resounding YES!!!!

HE still speaks that Truth that is taken by the Holy Spirit and vivified, invigorated, and quickened, and laid home in the heart of those who will receive it.

My friends, I may speak Christ's Word in vain, but HE speaks to purpose!! The sword in Peter's hand cuts off an ear, but the sword in Christ's mouth slays sin and subdues men and women to Himself.

You may have heard a sermon full of precious truth, and yet it has done you no good; and yet at another time you have heard the same truth and it has overwhelmed you with its solemn and sacred power!!

Here is a very important lesson: Every Word of God is a keen sword to slay sin when Jesus speaks it!!! "Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth." John 17: 17

Our hearts need to be prepared to hear our beloved Saviour speak to us. My soul melts in repentance when my beloved Saviour speaks to me!!! Nothing can stand against The Word of Jesus. HE speaks it, and it is done!!!

Friends, I have no faith in my own preaching, but I have all the faith in my Lord's speaking!! When my Lord speaks it is amazing!!! HIS Word will never return to HIM void! "So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper *in the thing* for which I sent it." Isaiah 55:11 From out of HIS mouth not even one syllable is uttered in vain. "The prophet who has a dream, let him tell a dream; And he who has My word, let him speak My word faithfully. What *is* the chaff to the wheat?" says the Lord. "Is not My word like a fire?" says the Lord, "And like a hammer *that* breaks the rock in pieces?" Jeremiah 23: 28 & 29 WOW!!! Pray for this fire to come and consume us!!! Look away from the twinkling stars, and look instead to our LORD whose mouth is the conquering force of HIS church!!! No doctrine of men has such piercing power!!!! "Their worship of me is worthless. The things they teach are nothing but human rules." Matthew 15: 9 (NCV) "And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men." Matthew 15: 9 (NKJV)

The Took: The Source of True Glory!!

The source of True Glory in a church lies in her ability to enjoy the presence, or the countenance of her LORD! It lies in her ability to bask in the light of HIS face shining on her! "He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance *was* like the sun shining in its strength." Revelation 1: 16 Just imagine basking in the bright Son-light of our Lord's presence! Would that not be amazingly wonderful?!!!

Remember what Paul said?, "I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase." 1 Corinthians 3:6

Brethren, you may never have heard this before, but here it is: An hour with Jesus is far better than a full year with all of the Apostles!!! Personal communion and fellowship with The Captain of our Salvation is far more powerful for our personal good than anything else in all the world!!!! "Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him." John 14: 23 "that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship *is* with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ." 1 John 1: 3 "Everyone who is called by My name, Whom I have created for My glory; I have formed him, yes, I have made him." Isaiah 43: 7

HIS glory is majestic! HIS glory is undiminished! There is no glory more awesome than that which we believed in the face of Jesus Christ!! HIS own countenance is the very centre of glory!!!

Consider the work HE has finished, and the reward with which The Father has glorified HIM!! Consider HIS divine nature, and HIS perfect manhood which HE has taken into union with it!! Consider all HIS infinite perfections, and His extravagant love for HIS chosen people!!!

This, yes this, is the Sun which makes our day, and fills us all with joy unspeakable! “whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see *Him*, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory,” 1 Peter 1: 8

What more could we want than HIS loving favour? The LORD will more than suffice, for HIS countenance is enough!!!

Let Christ shine in HIS church! That’s my heart today! Let HIM shine and HE will destroy HIS enemies with the brightness of HIS glory!!! Let HIM shine in HIS church and we shall have all the warmth, all the joy, all the delight, all of everything any church could desire.

Let Christ shine in HIS church and we shall have all the life and light that anyone could hope for, and if The LORD is with us, our efforts and endeavours will prosper more than if we had all the counsellors from all our provincial or federal governments!!!!

This lesson is clear: All that is needed is this, to walk in the light of HIS countenance! “Blessed *are* the people who know the joyful sound! They walk, O Lord, in the light of Your countenance.” Psalm 89: 15

“The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace.” ” Numbers 6: 26

“The Lord will give strength to His people; The Lord will bless His people with peace.”

Psalm 29: 11

If you can’t walk in the countenance of Christ, confess your sin before God NOW! Pray to HIM now!!!! Oh church of The Living God, if you can not walk in fellowship with Christ, then confess your sin and repent! Come to HIM now!!! Make this your one plea!!!!

“The Lord [[a](#)]lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace.” ” Numbers 6: 26

“*There are* many who say, “Who will show us *any* good?” Lord, lift up the light of Your countenance upon us.” Psalm 4: 6

“Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; Cause Your face to shine, And we shall be saved!” Psalm 80:19

This is the final lesson for today. When The Sun of Righteousness arises HE brings healing in HIS wings! “But to you who fear My name The Sun of Righteousness shall arise With healing in His wings; And you shall go out And grow fat like stall-fed calves.” Malachi 4: 2 Cry to HIM now!!! Cry out!!! Ask for it!!

Darkness is the grave of beauty; and the absence of Jesus would be the end of all virtue!! If there is any sweetness or grace about anything on earth, it comes from Jesus only!!! Jesus only!!

We need to remember this! We need to pray for evangelists to be raised up for the fire in our souls!

Shed the comfortable pew!!! Let life be Jesus only!!!!!!

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