

“You Are The Light”

By Mrs. Sojourner



Jesus encouraged the people with some interesting words in Matthew 5:
¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:14-16 (NIV)

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shine his light to certain areas of the world to which he sends us. Each Believer has testimonies that will reach specific people that God has assigned us to reach. Keeping close to our Heavenly Father through prayer and studying the Bible builds our discernment so we will know what to say and when to say it.

These days seem very dark for some people; they are desperate for light. Believers in Jesus the Christ have the light they crave—the light they are searching for whether they know it or not. Let us always keep in the front of our thoughts Jesus’ commission to us:

“¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.” Mt. 28:19-20a (NIV)

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Let us take note that this was not just said to those who were very close to him, he was sitting on a mountain-side with a large crowd. (Mt. 5:1) Not just the Twelve Disciples were the light of the world, but ALL who are Believers in Jesus are the light. Why? We Believers are the light because the Holy Spirit dwells within us making us the light. We are Christ’s Body here to do his work on the earth spreading his light.

How encouraging. One does not have to have a seminary degree to spread Christ’s light throughout the world. Our omniscient Heavenly Father has given us each gifts that will help us to



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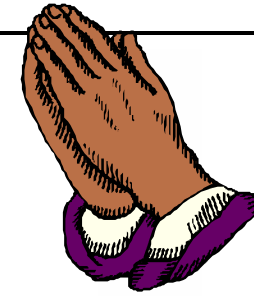
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“An Apostle’s Prayer” (Teaching Sketch)

Ephesians 3:14-21 (NIV)



The Apostle Paul had just told the Ephesians that believers are Christ’s workmanship—product. Having gone through the admonishments for unity in the body Paul then says an interesting thing which serves to emphasize his words. Paul says, “For this reason I kneel before the Father.” Why does this emphasize his words, because it was the custom in those days to stand to pray, but Paul is demonstrating the humility necessary to function within a body of believers. Paul is showing leadership!



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to share, which came as a gift to him which he passes on to the Ephesians. He emphasizes that strength comes being in the hearts of believers. It is interesting to note that he mentions strength from God’s riches first. Spiritual strength is necessary for spiritual growth, otherwise a person keeps sliding back into unbelief and confusion, living a life of defeat in spiritual matters, as well as temporal matters.

Power

How is it that this spiritual strength is brought about by the Spirit? Paul said, “With power through his Spirit in your inner being.” He makes it clear that this comes about through Christ dwelling in the heart, through faith.

The Spirit in You

It is Christ’s Spirit in the believer that will root and establish through love. It is this establishment in the believer

Out of Christ’s Riches

Paul prays for the Ephesians that they may receive what is necessary, from God’s riches, to carry out the reason for all believers remaining in this life after salvation, gifts for service. All good gifts come from God!

Strength

Paul, being an apostle, had an understanding and knowledge

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A Prayer for the Ephesians

¹⁴For this reason I kneel before the Father, ¹⁵from whom his whole family^[a] in heaven and on earth derives its name. ¹⁶I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

²⁰Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at

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work within us, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.



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then that welds together, “all the saints.” It is this union with each other that permits each believer, as a part of the whole, to “Grasp how wide

A week at Allen’s Chapel UM Church enjoying fellowship as people arrive. Many souls were inspired as The Sojourner spoke!



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and long and high and deep is the love of Christ.”

Power Together

God’s intent was that all may know him through this bond of love, for God is love. There are so many who seek God’s power for themselves, by themselves with God alone, not understanding that as the scripture says, “One can put a thousand to flight but two can put 10,000 to flight” in the spiritual battle with the enemy. It is with this understanding then that a believer may be filled to the measure of all God’s fullness.

Glory to Him

All God’s gifts are not given to the body of believers for their own personal glory or the body’s corporate glory, but to Christ, “Be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever!” Believers are not the whole, but a glorious part of the whole in Christ’s glory!

Just so you’ll know:

Our service is informal. We look to the Holy Spirit of God to guide us corporately and individually.

Our service usually follows this general pattern:

- **Informal fellowship & sharing** of what we have seen the Lord do in, through, and around us since we last met.
 - Testimonies are a part of the conversation.
- **Opening Prayer**
- **Praise, Worship, & Offerings:** (*Offerings to be placed in basket during Praise & Worship*)

Words of Prophecy or Knowledge if they have been given during “Praise & Worship.” (other times as the Spirit moves)
- **The Pastoral Message**
- **Prayer Requests**
 - Ministry to those present & intercession.
- **The Blessing**

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