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Light of the World VI (The Glory of God's Light)

Influencing The Culture

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- I. Series: New Series Influencing the Culture
 - A. Matthew 5:¹³ **Ye are the SALT OF THE EARTH: ...**
 - B. Subjects: Salt of the Earth I(Seasoning), II(Preservative), III(Disinfectant), IV(Offering)
 - C. Matthew 5:14–16 (AV)¹⁴ **Ye are the LIGHT OF THE WORLD...**
 - D. Subject: The Darker it gets, the Brighter we shine (Overpower, Overcome, Overshadow)
 - E. Subject: Revealing The Vision (Watching, Writing, Waiting on the Vision)
 - F. Subject: Ordering Your Steps (Temptation to Triumph, Evil to Good, Death to Life)
 - G. Subject: Out of Darkness, Into The Marvelous Light (Ignorance, Fear, Weakness)
 - H. Subject: The Everlasting Light (Not by Might, Nor by Power, But by My Spirit)
- II. Homework: Study Matthew 5:14 -16, Romans 8:14-18
 - A. What are the ways we hide our light under a bushel?
 - B. What are the ways we shine our light to Glorify God?
- III. Text
 - A. Matthew 5:14–16 (AV)¹⁴ **Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. ¹⁶ Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.**
 - B. Romans 8:14–18 (AV)¹⁴ For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. ¹⁵ For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. ¹⁶ The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: ¹⁷ And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with *him*, that we may be also glorified together. ¹⁸ For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time *are* not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us.
- IV. Subject: Influencing The Culture: Light of the World VI (The Glory of God's Light)
 - A. Matthew 5: ¹⁴ **Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.**
 - B. Subject: Light of the World V (The Everlasting Light)
 - 1. The Light of Might (Fighting the Danger from Without – Not By Might)
 - 2. The Light of Power (Fighting the Discouragement from Within – Nor by Power)
 - 3. The Light of Spirit (Fighting with the Everlasting Light – But by My Spirit)
 - C. Today we want to look at the ultimate effect of God's Light, and that is demonstrate and reveal His Glory
 - 1. Glory: praise, honor, or distinction extended by common consent: renown, worshipful praise, honor, and thanksgiving; giving *glory* to God
 - 2. The challenge that we have today in our modern churches is not that God isn't saving, it's that too many Christians are hiding their light under a bushel.
 - 3. There're saved, but their hiding it under the bushel of unconfessed sin
 - 4. There're saved, but their hiding it under the bushel of inconsistent living
 - 5. There're saved, but their hiding it under the bushel of conforming to the world
 - 6. There're saved, but their hiding it under the bushel of impatience to suffering
 - D. Matthew 5:¹⁶ **Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.**
 - 1. And the way we shine our light is through our Salvation, our Redemption, our Transformation, and Finally our Tribulation.
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V. Shinning the Glory of Salvation (Saved)

- A. Romans 8:¹⁴ For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.
- B. As Christians, we are to Shine the Light of God's Glory with our Salvation.
 - 1. As sinners we were lost, void of light, in darkness, and destined for destruction.
 - 2. 1 Corinthians 6:9–11 (AV)⁹ Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, ¹⁰ Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. ¹¹ And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.
- C. Shine the Glory of God's Light with Your Testimony
 - 1. The first thing that happens with a prisoner that has death sentence is he gets a pardon or a commutation. He may be guilty, but the Authority gives mercy!
 - 2. Revelation 12:10–11 (AV)¹⁰ And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. ¹¹ And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.
 - 3. "Amazing Grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see."
 - 4. "When I look back over my life, and I think things over. I can truly say, that I've been blessed, I have a testimony!"

VI. Shinning the Glory of Redemption (Freed)

- A. Romans 8:¹⁵ For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.
- B. Second, we are to Shine the Light of God's Glory with our Redemption.
 - 1. Redemption is the action of regaining or gaining possession of something in exchange for payment. The action of buying one's freedom.
 - 2. Once we are saved, we must be freed from the bondage and captivity of Sin.
 - 3. Romans 6:1–2 (AV)¹ What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? ² God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?
 - 4. The truth is too many Christians hide their light because of an inconsistency of living free from sin because of the captivity of our sinful nature and lusts.
 - 5. Romans 7:21 (AV)²¹ I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me.
 - 6. 1 John 2:16 (AV)¹⁶ For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.
- C. Shine the Glory of God's Light with Your Liberty
 - 1. After Emancipation, some slaves stayed on the Plantation
 - 2. There must be a physical act of Liberty (Faith without Works is Dead)
 - 3. 2 Corinthians 3:17 (AV)¹⁷ Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord *is*, there *is* liberty.
 - 4. Galatians 5:1 (AV)¹ Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.
 - 5. "Look at me, I have been set free. All my sins are washed away, my nights turned to day. All because Christ has set me free"

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VII. Shinning the Glory of Transformation (Changed)

- A. Romans 8: ¹⁷ And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with *him*, that we may be also glorified together.
- B. Third, we are to Shine the Light of God's Glory with our Transformation.
 - 1. Transformation is a thorough or dramatic change, a metamorphosis. It is the process by which one thing is converted into another.
 - 2. The other challenge we have in shinning our light is when we don't demonstrate a change in the way we think, the way we feel, and the way we behave.
 - 3. Too many Christians still act based on their emotions and feelings.
 - 4. Ephesians 4:²⁶ Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: ²⁷ Neither give place to the devil.
- C. Shine the Glory of God's Light with Your Change
 - 1. Some people, even when they get out of jail, don't get jail out of them!
 - 2. So although they are free, because they haven't changed, they go back in!
 - 3. 2 Corinthians 5:17 (AV)¹⁷ Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.
 - 4. Romans 12:1-2 (AV)¹ I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is* your reasonable service. ² And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.
 - 5. "I know I've been changed I know I've been changed Angels in Heaven done signed my name."

VIII. Shinning the Glory of Tribulations (Exalted)

- A. Romans 8: ¹⁸ For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time *are* not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us.
- B. To Shine the Glory of God's Light
 - 1. First, we Shine the Glory of our Salvation with our Testimony
 - 2. Second, we Shine the Glory of our Redemption with our Liberty
 - 3. Third, we Shine the Glory of our Transformation with our Change
- C. Finally, we Shine the Glory of our Tribulation with our Exaltation
 - 1. Too many Christians don't know how to handle their sufferings
 - 2. Even when you get out, people don't want to let you out!
 - 3. When prisoners get free, they have to say on applications, "Convicted Felon"!
 - 4. Psalm 34:19 (AV)¹⁹ Many *are* the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.
 - 5. 2 Corinthians 4:8-9 (AV)⁸ *We are* troubled on every side, yet not distressed; *we are* perplexed, but not in despair; ⁹ Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;
- D. Shine the Glory of God's Light with your Patience
 - 1. James 1:2-4 (AV)² My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; ³ Knowing *this*, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. ⁴ But let patience have *her* perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.
 - 2. 1 Peter 5:10 (AV)¹⁰ But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, *after that ye have suffered a while*, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle *you*.
 - 3. Isaiah 40: ³¹ But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew *their* strength; they shall mount up

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with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; *and* they shall walk, and not faint.

4. Romans 8: ¹⁸ For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time *are* not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us.
5. Reveal the Glory of His Anointing, the Glory of His Blessings, the Glory of His Victory, the Glory of His Deliverance, the Glory of His Liberty, the Glory of His Exaltation.