

Living Light

By Rick Woodall

In the dark void of creation's glorious moment, God spoke. He ordered light to glow out of the remote darkness. Think about that with me for a moment. A clear-cut connection is given to each individual who has come to the knowledge of the truth.

Inside each of us was the existence of confusion and failing purpose. This is the dark void area of the human spirit that is left with many unanswered reservations. Just as God in all His wisdom and power pronounced light to the dark abyss, He allowed the message of divine knowledge of His glory through His Son to renew us. When this renewal takes place, there is no stumbling around in the dimness of the unknown.

In every Christian there is heavenly wisdom that is a gift of unmerited favor. We appreciate our Creator for opening our eyes to the brightness of eternal blessings.

For it is the God who said, "Let light 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. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. - 2 Cor 4:6-7

My gift reminds me that this light of spiritual comprehension was made possible by obedience to the One who created us in the first place.

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. - Rom 6:3-5

God commanded light to shine out of darkness. God directed His one and only Son to shine in this world and die upon the cross to rise again. We receive the light of heavenly promises that inhabit the soul and give us confidence for the appointment we will all keep.

Are you prepared for what's ahead when you face your creator?



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WELCOME!

Sunday

Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study-6:30 p.m.

All the churches of Christ greet you.

Romans 16:16

Today's Sermon: The Discipline of Faith

Mike Huddleston will be preaching today.

Scripture Reading: Philippians 2:12-16

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ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- ❖ **Sunday Morning Bible Class:** Larry Little will be teaching the men downstairs, while Sandy Zimmerman will teach the ladies upstairs, continuing her lessons on spiritual growth.
- ❖ **Wednesday Evening Bible Class: June 30th, at the building, 6:30pm-** The men will be meeting downstairs and the ladies will meet upstairs. Come at 6 and eat with us before the lesson if you like.
- ❖ **Next Potluck:** July 18th.



SOJOURNERS ARE HERE! Mike and Nadine Huddleston from Arkansas, **Larry and Kay Little** from Alabama and **Doug and Sandy Zimmerman** from Pennsylvania arrived last week and are working hard to help us in any way they can. They helped prepare packets to hang on doorknobs all around the Valley and presented a workshop and are teaching lessons to us. This week they plan on helping with some physical work on our sidewalk and other places. They have a **devotional every morning M-Th at 8:30am** which anyone may attend.

- Gail is now well enough after her cancer surgery to bring Jerry to worship. Thank the Lord!

Our workshop and brainstorming about Life after the Pandemic went well yesterday. Each of the Sojourner men made a presentation followed by questions and comments. Brethren visited from Horseheads and Endwell.

- **There will be a pre-July 4th hot dog roast here at the building, in the parking lot on Saturday, the 3rd. We will be again serving free hot dogs to our neighbors and friends who stop by. Please plan to come and help.**

PRAYERS

- **Pray for Zachary Cowles as he will be deployed for two years once he leaves.**
- **Jackie had an MRI yesterday and is being treated for pain due to Rheumatoid Arthritis. Pray that she can be pain free soon.**
- **Pat Guthrie** from Kittanning has lung cancer and is having chemo treatments. He thanks us for praying for him.
- We are thankful for **Gail Westerhold's** good recovery from her surgery to remove a cancerous kidney.
- Pray for **Linnett Short, a former coworker of Paul's**. She has stage 3 lung cancer. She recently has undergone immune therapy treatments.
- **John Kashorek**, former preacher at the Massena, NY church, has been suffering panic attacks. He would appreciate prayers.
- **Arthur's younger sister, Sue**, has metastatic breast cancer and needs prayer. She had a successful visit at Dana Farber Cancer Institute last week to evaluate her treatment regimen.
- Please pray for **Arthur's brother Chris** from England, who has Alzheimer's Disease. Pray that he can decide to be a Christian while he is still able to understand.
- **Don Myers**, former preacher for the Elmore, AL church, visited a neurologist last week to determine whether he has Parkinson's Disease. He and Judy and their grandson Jordon recently relocated to MO, to be near family.
- The **Huddleston's little granddaughter Blair** needs prayer for her heart condition that will require further surgery.

If you have any PRAYERS or NEWS that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy at barncat7237@gmail.com or text or call (607) 261-0911.