

*In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.* **Matthew 5:16**

## Store In My Heart

### Exodus 6:7

Then I will take you for My people, and I will be your God; and you shall know that I am the Lord your God, who brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.

Exodus provides for us the story of God taking the children of Abraham as His own people. In doing so, God began the fulfilment of the promises made to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. While we often associate this book with leaving Egypt, we need to also keep in mind that it tells the story of Moses receiving the Law from God on Mount Sinai. Israel did not become the 'People of God' simply because they left Egypt. Becoming God's people required them to accept and submit to His Law also.

It is a story of coming to know God. Exodus reveals the power of God to save His chosen. It speaks of the spiritual change of God's People.

# A Great Evangelistic Tool

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I think it works better than radio, better than auto-dialers, better than showings of Jule Miller filmstrips, better than mailing out a bulletin, better than Dial-a-Bible-Reading, better than debates, better than cable tv.

What is it? It's brethren not being conformed to the world.

If a church is made up of people who understand 184 current and past issues correctly, but their lives do not show superior conduct, servitude, and holiness, don't expect an auto dialer, computer, printer, broadcast antenna, or cable outlet to compensate for the failure.

When church members think like the world, dress like the world; talk like the world; and chase money and status symbols like the world, it is the world that is winning them, not the other way around.

When church members are selfish, egotistical, arrogant, and shallow, then they are not in a position to help the world to a higher plane.

If our families are splitting up, our children are dropping out, and our homes are little different from our neighbors then our "light" gets rather difficult to notice.



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## For Our Information

John Jackson is recovering nicely. He is doing physical therapy at home for now.

Joyce Venable has been dealing with chills lately.

The Simpson family is staying home this weekend because of the weather.

Gloria Hurst is working and will be staying in Little Rock due to weather.

Bible classes this week are subject to cancellation due to weather hazards.

Pray for safety, courage & healing.

But if people learn self-denial (**Luke 9:23**), learn submission to God and care for our neighbor (**Matthew 22**), learn to be servants (**John 13**), learn to be content (**1Timothy 6:8**), learn to invest in family (**Titus 2:5; Ephesians 6:4; Proverbs 22:6**), and learn to clean out the inside of the cup, not just the outside (**Matthew 23**), then bright lights will shine.

*"Ye are an elect race, a royal priesthood, a people for God's own possession, that ye may show forth the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light...having your behavior seemly among the Gentiles; that...they may glorify God" (1Peter 2:9-12).*

*"Present your bodies as living sacrifices, holy, acceptable to God...and be not fashioned according to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind" (Romans 12:1-2).*

We are not called simply to know some things different from the world -- we are called to rise above the world, and to "be holy" (**1Peter 1:15**). And when people become that kind of light, in the world, they become great evangelistic tools in God's service.

And it will far exceed the effect of debates, radio, tv, and mail outs.

(From the beginning God has wanted His people to be different from the world around them. They were to live to a higher standard and in doing so would become "a light" shining in a very dark world. It is who we are and how we live that will attract others to the Lord. Being kind to others, especially those who are in need, going the extra mile in our daily work, giving just a little bit more than is expected, these are the kinds of things that will stick in the minds of those around us. Especially those who wonder if there is more to life than just the average day to day.

So, what have I done that would cause others to see that I am living on a higher plane than the rest of humanity? How have my responses to our world helped others see that I know there is something more than the here and now? Once I find those answers I need to consider where I need to make changes so that this attitude becomes even more evident in my life. DLH)



We seek only to serve God according to His Will!