

LIGHT AND TRANSFORMATION

God's Message:

You are the light of the world. You can not hide a city that is on a mountain. Men do not light a lamp and put it under a basket. They put it on a table so it gives light to all in the house. Let your light shine in front of men. Then they will see the good things you do and will honor your Father who is in heaven.
(Matthew 5:14-16)

When one door is closed, another door is opened; but sometimes we only see and regret the closed door for too long until we cannot see that another door has been opened for us. (Alexander Graham Bell)

The light comes when Jesus comes. The darkness world has light now. When Lord Jesus was on the earth, He became the light for people who lived in the darkness. He showed the way to eternal life. Check your life now; have you become the light for other people around you? Have you shared God's light to your neighbors? What is your role in other people's life? At the beginning Jesus was the Light, but then He told us that we are the light and through us other people can see Jesus. Light is beautiful, so let's pray that our presence will bring beauty for other people around us. When Lord Jesus comes, the light has already come. When Jesus lived on this earth, He lighted the world by Himself, and when He ascended to heaven, He gave us His word: that we are the light of the world.

Through transformation the church will do its function on the earth as light. When church does its function, it becomes the agent of renewal. It makes both churches and the society can feel the Kingdom of God. We know that churches have experienced transformation in certain aspects, but the transformation that happens to them is more to the inward renewals. The church has not realized that they have greater task: to reveal the Kingdom of God on earth by doing their function as the light which shines in the world's darkness.

Sometimes we have a paradigm that ministry is only done in the church. We have to change this kind of paradigm. Church is actually a place where we are equipped so that we could serve in society. If we want to become a light, then we have to be in the right place: the society. We also think that Christian is shepherded in a church. The truth is, we have to be equipped so that we could shepherd other people outside the church. We have had a Great Shepherd: Lord Jesus. We have a father. Our duty is to shepherd people who do not have shepherd and to become a father for fatherless people. This is our function. Church should equip the saints so that they could do the works of God. Speaking about the Kingdom of God everywhere. Sometimes we "church" the people by bringing people to church building. We are supposed to bring the church to society. If the concept of church hasn't been changed, we can't talk about transformation yet, because the church will have the tendency to take care itself. As the result, they can't change the societies. The light of the church doesn't do its function.

It's true that we have to start revival from inside. When someone experiences a revival, he can become the light in his societies. Church equips them to be sent back to the world. When our light shines, we can become blessing in every aspects of life. Christians must be able to be light everywhere, because it will lead transformation to its surrounding.

Essence:

To be able to experience transformation, church must do its function to become the light for its surrounding. When church does this function, it will become the agent of renewal. As the result the Kingdom of God could be felt, not only in the church world, but also in the society.

Reflection:

Could other people see Jesus in my life? Has my life become a model for many people around me?

Commitment:

I want to come to the miraculous light so that the light will be in my life. The Gospel of Jesus Christ could be seen in my actions.

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