

January 14, 2024 AM – Pastor Kevin Olivier

Luke 11:33-36 – “The Light of God in You”

- A. Books a Million in Alexandria, LA carries some of the most detestable, demonic books and other merchandise.
- B. Thus far in the ministry of Jesus according to Luke, He has demonstrated Himself as the long-awaited Messiah— the Christ or Anointed One of God promised to save His people from their sins.

Seek the light of God to shine in you.	I. <u>DON'T HIDE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST IN YOU</u> II. <u>IS THERE LIGHT OR DARKNESS IN YOU?</u>
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I. DON'T HIDE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST IN YOU → **v33**

- A. What Jesus is talking about here is the light of the gospel that one must receive through regeneration or the new, spiritual birth.
 - 1. John focused more on Christ as the light of the world than the other gospel writers did.
 - a. → **Jn 1:1-13**
 - b. In **Jn 8:12**, Jesus said, “**I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life.**”¹
 - c. → **Jn 12:35-36, vv44-50**
 - 2. John was fascinated with Christ as the Light sent to us from the Father. His epistles are also filled with the contrast between light and darkness.
- B. As Christians, you are called to walk in a way that shows that you are different from the world.
 - 1. There is both truth and error in the saying: “Christians are not perfect, just forgiven.”
 - a. On the day of judgment, what will save us is our union to Christ by faith.
 - 1) We are saved because of the blood of the sinless Lamb of God which is the only means by which sins can be washed away.
 - 2) We are saved because of the perfect work of Christ which is accounted as our own by faith.
 - 3) If we are judged based on the standard of our meeting perfection in our obedience to God’s law, none of us would be saved.
 - b. One misunderstanding can come from this saying: the only difference between a Christian and an unbeliever is that one is forgiven and one is not.
 - 1) John taught that Christians walk in a way that is very different from the world.
 - a) → **1 Jn 1:5-10**
 - b) → **1 Jn 2:7-11**
 - 2) Those who have the light of Christ in them love the things of God yet grow in their sanctification so that they flee the things of darkness.
 - 2. In **2 Cor 6:14f**, Paul taught that we are not to be bound together with unbelievers. Righteousness shouldn’t have partnership with lawlessness. Light cannot have fellowship with darkness either.

- C. In **Lu 11:33**, Jesus said that your good works should shine as light for all to see. It shouldn’t be hidden from view. Your faith should be demonstrated for all to see.
 - Jesus said that men shall know you are His disciples by your love for one another (**Jn 13:35**).

¹ See also **Jn 9:1-5**.

II. IS THERE LIGHT OR DARKNESS IN YOU? →vv34-35

A. Some people underestimate how important our vision is to our daily activities. Jesus used eyesight to teach how important the holy gospel is for your Christian walk.

1. Dr. Hendrickson wrote about this illustration Jesus gave here.²

2. According to Hendrickson, your “inner disposition of being” can be compared to what Jesus called the “**lamp of your body**” in v34.

a. Unless the light of the gospel has illuminated your life, you will walk in darkness.

b. Unless you are born again— born from above by the power of the Holy Spirit— you will walk in darkness.

c. Unless you commit yourself to walk in accordance with the Word of God as the light for your path,³ you will walk in darkness and fall in a ditch.

B. Jesus taught that the true faith as guided by the Word and Spirit should cause a total transformation in your life. →v36

1. All of your life, your whole being should be full of the light of your Christian faith. There should be “**no dark part in it.**”

a. Your walk with Christ should illuminate more than what you do on Sunday mornings.

b. The gospel should illuminate or transform your relationships, your family, your work, your leisure, your sexuality.

1) Even though people and the creation around us have been tainted by sin, there are so many wonderful, lawful things God has given us to enjoy in this life.

2) Seek what is pleasing in God’s sight instead of what is offensive to Him.

2. Even though v36 gives each of us a goal of wholistic transformation, none of us are as consistent as we ought to be.

Review, further application, and conclusion:

² Hendrickson, William, *New Testament Commentary: Luke*, p 631

³ See **Psalm 119:105**.