

3. THE PURPOSE OF GOD'S LIGHT

Matt 5:14-16 "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good deeds and glorify to your Father who is in heaven."

- To light the path ahead of us (guide us) so that we do not stumble (sin)
- To radiate God's light to those around us and point them to Christ
- His light shines through our attitudes, words, and deeds i.e. the Fruit of the Spirit – the character of God (Christ likeness)

4. DESIRING DOUBLE PORTION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

2 Kings 2: 9 'When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me, what can I do for you, before I am taken from you? 'Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit', replied Elisha."

- Elisha's request is not for pride, self-glory or selfish ambitions but to be effective as successor of Elijah (prophet)
- Emulate Elisha's desire and faithfulness to do even greater work for the Lord for His Glory.

Sermon Outline - 11.2.2018

Topic : Let God's Light Shine in Our Hearts

(2 Kings 2:1-12, 2 Cor 4: 3-6, Mark 9: 2-9)

1. PEOPLE ARE PERISHING

2 Cor 4: Vs 3 – 4 'And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God'.

- Veiled – people do not believe in God because they are blinded by the devil.
- Satan uses money, power (politics), religion and pleasure of every form to blind people from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

Vs 5: For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.

- The unbelievers are not without hope – they need to hear the Good News

2. GOD'S LIGHT SHINES IN OUR HEART

Vs 6 'For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God (displayed) in the face of Christ.

- Glory of God = God's holiness, His splendor and majesty, e.g. Moses' radiant face; Transfiguration of Jesus
- We all have seen His glory, by God's grace through the Gospel.
- He shines in our hearts because of His grace, not that we deserve it
- The need to guard oneself from being blinded again