

Greetings, dear reader, in the **Beautifully Bright and Blessed Name of JESUS!**

Here we look at the church as the Light of the World. Jesus told His disciples:

Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father that is in heaven. Matthew 5:14-16

Consider also the following passages in Isaiah, where we see that because of this light shining in the darkness, the Gentiles shall be drawn, and that the source of light for His people is the Lord Himself:

*For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.
And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.
Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together, they come to thee: thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at thy side. Isaiah 60:1-3*

*The sun shall be no more thy light by day; neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee: but the LORD shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory.
Thy sun shall no more go down; neither shall thy moon withdraw itself: for the LORD shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended. Isaiah 60:19-20*

*For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth.
And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the LORD shall name. Isaiah 62:1-2*

The light of the church is Jesus – His life is the light of men (John 1:4) and He Himself declared *“I am the **Light** of the World. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.”* (John 8:12). His light shines in the hearts of those who accept Him and have been called out of darkness into His marvelous light:

*For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the **light** of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 2 Cor 4:6*

*For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye **light** in the Lord: walk as children of light: Ephesians 5:8*

*But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his **marvelous light** 1 Peter 2:9*

Due to the light of Jesus shining in the Church, the church is the Light of the World, drawing all to her light.

The perfect fulfillment of all this is seen in the book of Revelation, where speaking of the New Jerusalem, it is written:

*And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and **the Lamb is the light** thereof.
And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.
And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there.
Rev 21:23-25*

Let's shine for, and through, Jesus!

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