THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD



Pushing Back the Darkness by Gwen MehargDrawneartogod.com

Everybody can see that we're living in dark times.

And they're getting darker.

Behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the peoples,

Yet the light is never far away.

But the Lord will arise upon you, And his glory shall be seen upon you, And nations shall come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising.

Isaiah 60:2-3

Even now, in the middle of all this darkness, light is shining in the most unexpected places.

The light of God. The glory of God.

Radiating from men and women far below the clamor of the media.

This light arrived centuries ago in a forgotten part of the world.

"You are the light of the world," said Jesus to a handful of fishermen who had left everything to follow him.

Jesus did not say, "You are the light of the world," to the multitudes who came for healing, nor to the 'church types' who showed up at Synagogue every Sabbath, nor to the man who said, "I will follow you Lord, but first let me say good-bye to those at my home."

"You are the light of the world," is addressed to those who are focused on one thing only: following Jesus---on his terms.

To those who are focused on him Jesus does not say, "Try to be the light of the world."

"You are the light of the world."

"Take off the bushel, and let it shine.!"

"Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

Matthew 5:16



Let Your Light Shine by Melanie Pyke melpyke.com

If we are disciples of Jesus, all we need to do is <u>live</u> like disciples 24/7, and God's light will shine in whatever dark place God puts us.

Dearest Father of goodness and light, we get discouraged, and afraid of this approaching darkness, knowing it's inevitable...yet within this, you promise that your light will rise upon us, that your glory will be seen upon us, that people will be drawn to your shining glory. May we seek you and abide in you until your light floods our souls, so that wherever you place us, your glory shines and darkness is inevitably dispelled.

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