

Reflecting the Light!

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- 1 The resurrection of Jesus changed everything—including us.
- 2 What took place that day could not have been accomplished any other way—the change in our *heart* is absolutely needed if we expect to enter His kingdom.
- 3 The Atonement He made for us calls us *out of the dark* to reflect the *light*—it is how we **Live Ready in a Dark World**.
- 4 All we say and do is a reflection of our heart—before deciding anything we think...
- 5 AV 2 Corinthians 4:6 “*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.*”
- 6 Reflecting means “*sending back an image of*”—and with the Holy Spirit in our heart, our words, ways, and behavior toward everyone can be “*sending back a likeness*” of Jesus—always pointing to Him by the power of His Spirit.
- 7 We can always make a *new start* that enables a **new ending!** We begin by *repenting, confessing*—and this time trusting God to control our words, our attitudes, our responses, and desires.

8 If we ask Him, God will mold our character into what He wants us to be—He is the Potter Isaiah 64:8 “*we are the clay.*” We just allow Him to work *with us* to bring change *in us*.

9 NKJV Matthew 5:14 “*You are the light of the world.*”

10 God has *called* us to reflect the light of His Son and if we have not always done that, He will *show* us and help us reflect His light. We can then repent and thank Him for the spiritual light given.

11 As God continues the molding and forming process, we begin reflecting the *life*; the *reactions*; and *words* of His Son Jesus—while those around us begin *seeing* attitudes of patience, forgiveness, and love.

12 Our life here on earth is a journey to become more like Jesus as we meet situations, people, and difficult situations along the way in a Christlike way—always with the help of God’s Spirit within.

13 AV Philippians 2:5 “*Let this mind be in you.*” That means we look out for the needs of *others*—that is having the mind of Jesus.

14 The apostle met Jesus on the road to Damascus and WEY Acts 26:20 “*proceeded to preach first to the people in Damascus, and then to those in Jerusalem and in all Judaea, and to the Gentiles, that they must repent and turn to God, and live lives consistent with such repentance*”—reflecting the *light* of his Lord and Master.

15 After that encounter with Jesus, the apostle was *converted* and *committed*—and asked the Lord...

16 AV Acts 9:6 “*What wilt thou have me to do?*” He was to “*Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.*”

17 We are to ask that same question, then *repent*, ask for the Spirit, and *follow* His instructions from that point.

18 The Holy Spirit inspires us to be so *thankful* for the punishment He took for us and the change *that* can bring us, that our only desire will be to reflect His light.

19 What we **believe** compels us into *action*—to actually **live** the full Truth God has given us, is the *way* to arrive at Heaven.

20 All too many **say**, but do not **play**, by the Book—NIV Titus 1:16 “*They claim to know God, but by their actions they deny him.*”

21 Satan is always ready to *tempt* us; *accuse* us; or *defile* our conscience—so we have to be *aware* of his evil intentions to have us take a *wrong attitude* toward something or someone.

22 We must be *alert* AV 2 Corinthians 2:11 “*Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.*”

23 The resurrection validates everything Jesus taught—*love* your enemies; *forgive* as you have been forgiven; *be pure* in heart by His Spirit; and *seek first* the kingdom—

24 —So now we are **called** to *live* those words in a dark world. Jesus “*died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again,*” NKJV 2 Corinthians 5:15.

25 This new *life* will always be *reflecting* His *light* and *Truth*—that is showing *fruits of repentance* and *reflecting* the light of Christ—

26 NIV **Ephesians 2:10** “*For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works.*”

27 God helps us *to do* what we should *want to do*.

28 NLT **2 Corinthians 5:17** “*Those who become Christians become new persons. They are not the same anymore, for the old life is gone. A new life has begun!*”

29 Now we can *prove* by our actions and reactions; our ways and words that our desire is to *point people* to Christ.

30 God wants us to *love* Him and He wants us to reflect the light of His Son.

31 Our life on earth is to reflect the One we *believe* and *love* and *trust*. We may not always do what we *say*; but we always do what we *believe!* Our *actions* reflect our *beliefs*.

32 If we believe that stealing is *wrong*, we will *not* steal; if we believe that *resentment* is wrong, we won’t *resent*; if we believe that we should help the poor, we will *help* them.

33 If we are committed to this new life that reflects Jesus, our *attitudes* will reflect His *love* in our *heart*. That is *dying to self* and *living for Him*.

34 It is totally giving our life to God and truly accepting this new life. AV **Luke 14:33** “*Whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.*”

35 We are to forsake all those wrong ways of the past and cling to the new ways of today. If we are not following *the Lord*, we will find ourselves following *the world*.

36 Being the President means a 24/7 responsibility to *be* and to *act* as President. A position of that magnitude means the person

acts as President twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. There is never a moment when they are *not* President.

37 When we decide to put our *faith* in God and are a *believer* in Jesus—we then become a believer twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

38 There is never a time when we do *not* act, talk, or treat people as a believer in Christ. When we *act* and *talk* as a *believer*, others are watching and listening—*that* is why we **Reflect the Light of the Lord!**

39 NIV **Hebrews 6:10** “*God will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.*”

40 If Jesus is living *in* us, we will *know* what His will is *for* us—we have *read* His instructions and asked for *wisdom*, so God enlightens us.

41 This is a continual act of *trusting* Him to take us safely through the day; *constant request for* protection; and a *moment-by-moment* dependence on Him to control every aspect of the day.

42 Reflecting the light can mean *helping* someone—wanting nothing in return. It means volunteering our time—taking no pay.

43 Loving *God* means loving *people* made in His image, because it is Him *in us* loving them *through us*.

44 We ask “*Lord, what would You have me do so I would reflect Your light?*”

45 We are working *for* Him, so in all we *say, do* and *decide* is to show *His kingdom* by showing *His attitude* to others.

46 God wants *everyone* to see the *light*—and we can reflect that light! AV **Matthew 9:37** “*The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few.*”

47 Jesus said, “*Follow Me,*” and we follow Him by reflecting His light by our responses.

48 “*For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works*” **Ephesians 2:10.**

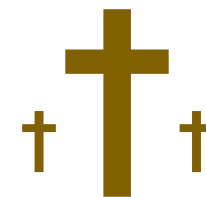
49 We can be clothed in “*fine linen*” which are “*the righteous acts of the saints,*” when we do *acts of kindness* that reflect the light of Jesus—it brings glory to God.

50 The resurrection of Jesus changed everything—including us.

51 What Jesus did *for us* by taking our place on the cross is of such magnitude, that we are at a loss how to show our appreciation—

52 We can begin by reflecting His light to a world shrouded in darkness.

53 It is how we **Live Ready in a Dark World.**



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