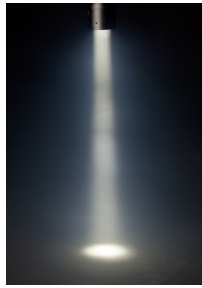


How to Shine Brightly in a Dark Place

2 Corinthians 4:3-10



How can I drive back the darkness in my world?

1. Expect _____ (4:3-4)

“But if, in fact, our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. Regarding them: the god of this age has blinded the minds of the unbelievers so they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.”

Paul expected rejection from the spiritually blind. Why?

- a. Spiritual blindness is the _____ to recognize that Jesus Christ is God.
- b. Spiritual blindness is a _____ in all unbelieving minds.
- c. Spiritual blindness is caused by a _____ who is opposed to God.

2. Exalt _____ (4:5a)

“For we are not proclaiming ourselves but Jesus Christ as Lord...”

3. Embrace _____ (4:5b)

“...and ourselves as your slaves because of Jesus.”

4. Experience _____ (4:6)

“For God, who said, “Light shall shine out of darkness” --He has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of God's glory in the face of Jesus Christ.”

5. Exhibit _____ (4:7-10)

“Now we have this treasure in clay jars, so that this extraordinary power may be from God and not from us. We are pressured in every way but not crushed; we are perplexed but not in despair; we are persecuted but not abandoned; we are struck down but not destroyed. We always carry the death of Jesus in our body, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body.”