

"I Am The Light of the World"

Vote for Jesus – Part 3

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- Just one in four Americans is a practicing Christian
- 50 percent of Millennials have stopped going to church, even online, during Covid-19 pandemic (25% of boomers)

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- 30% of evangelical Christians agree that Jesus was a great teacher, but he was not God. (52% of general population agree)
- Only 52% agree that "the Bible alone is the written word of God."
- Only 58% agree that "God is the author of Scripture."
- 65% agree that "everyone sins a little, but most people are good by nature."
- 59% of Americans agree that "worshipping alone or with one's family is a valid replacement for regularly attending church."
- Only 49% in churches agree that "sex outside of marriage is a sin."
- 42% agree that "the Bible's condemnation of homosexual behavior doesn't apply today."
- 22% of evangelicals agree that "gender identity is a matter of choice."
- Only 60% agree that "Jesus Christ's death on the cross is the only sacrifice that could remove the penalty of my sin."
- Only 52% agree that "it is very important for me personally to encourage non-Christians to trust Jesus Christ as their Savior."
- Only 54% in churches agree that "only those who trust in Jesus Christ alone as their Savior receive God's free gift of eternal salvation."

¹² When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "**I am the light of the world.** Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

– Jesus (John 8:12)

Lessons from light...

1. Gives L _____

"In the beginning **God created** the heavens and the earth. ² Now the earth **was formless and empty, darkness** was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. ³ And God said, "**Let there be light,**" and there was light. ⁴ God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness." (Gen. 1:1-4)

"Through him [Jesus] all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ **In him was life, and that life was the light of men.** (John 1:4).

- A recent pew research survey of over 25,000 Christians in America showed that 45% agree that Abortion should be legal in all or most cases

2. I _____

²The **people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned**" (Isaiah 9:1-2).

⁶ If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. ⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin" (1 John 1:6).

"So the man went and washed, and came home seeing" (John 9:6).

"At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, **until only Jesus was left**, with the woman still standing there. ¹⁰ Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" (John 9:9-10).

3. P _____ God's Glory

"I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. ²³ The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, **for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp.** ²⁴ The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it" (Rev. 21).

4. Can be incredibly I _____

5. Irresistibly _____

"The main problem with American Christians is not that they aren't where they should be but that they are not what they should be right where they are as doctors, housewives, lawyers, computer salesmen, or nurses." – Howard Hendricks

Begin a relationship with Jesus today!

Admit that you've sinned - missed the mark of perfection (Rom3:23)

Believe (Trust) that Jesus is Lord, that He died on the cross for your sins and was raised from the dead (Rom. 10:9, John 3:16, 1 Peter 1:3)

Choose Jesus: Choose to Love God above all (Matt. 22:37, Eph. 5:1)