

Morning Service, February 18, 2007

1. Call to worship: **Psalm 33:1-7** (pg. 585)
2. Opening Prayer
3. Hymn **103**, "Blessed Be the Name"
4. Hymn **4**, "How Great Thou Art"
5. Hymn **186**, "The Old Rugged Cross"
6. Hymn **527**, "Glory to His Name"
7. Announcements:
 - a. Services This Week ~
 - i. Today's Services Worship:
 1. Morning (11:00am)
 2. Children's Church (3:00pm)
 3. Evening (7:00pm)
 - ii. KICY CareForce - Monday 9 am (Radio 850 AM)
 - iii. CrossTalk America (www.crosstalkamerica.com)
 1. Internet Broadcast @ 11:00 Alaska Time
 - iv. Elder Visitations (Tuesdays & Thursdays)
 1. Nathan Kaganak, Tuesday 11:00 a.m.
 2. Bertha Wilson, Thursday 1:30 p.m.
 3. Agnes Aguchak, TBA
 - v. Wednesday
 1. Choir Practice (7:00pm)
 - vi. Sermon Audio (www.sermonaudio.com/vayahiy)
 1. Morning & Evening messages avail on Internet
 - vii. ECCAK Annual Meeting, Fairbanks 3/21-25
 - viii. Lower Yukon Conference 3/29-4/1
8. Congregational Prayer
 - a. Please keep these things in prayer this week:
 - i. World Missions
 - ii. Our Troops on deployment
 - iii. Church Elders, Village Elders
 - iv. Authorities: Leaders, Representatives, etc.
 - v. Families, Marriages, Youth, Children, etc.
 - vi. Salvations in Scammon Bay
9. Offertory: Traditional Hymn, "Quyaciu Angayuqaq"
10. Doxology
11. Message: **Matthew 5:14-16** [pg. 934]
"LIGHT OF THE WORLD"

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In this Living Sacrifice series, we continue to look at the Sermon on the Mount. As Christian believers we have an exhortation from the Word of God, **Romans 12:1**,

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

And although it doesn't say right out that it is about the Cross of Jesus Christ, it is!

Although He doesn't actually say the word "repent" in the Sermon, repentance is included because the Cross is preached!

We have been discovering that the only way to understand the Sermon on the Mount is to see it through the atoning work of Christ upon the Cross. **The only way to understand ANYTHING IN THE BIBLE is to see it through the Cross atoning work of Christ upon the Cross. Isaiah 1:18**

Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

In other words, we become Living Sacrifices only because of, and through, His sacrifice.

Mt 5:14-16	אור	Owr	φως	foos
	נֶגְהָא	Nogah	λαμψατω	lampsato

foos is where we get the word phosphorus and photo
lampo is where we get the word lamp

REVELATION	(knowledge)
RELATIONSHIP	(understanding)
RESPONSE	(wisdom)

Quick illustration of knowledge, understanding, & wisdom:
CHILD & HOT STOVE

REVELATION v.14a *Ye are the light of the world.*

RELATIONSHIP v.14b *A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.*
v.15 *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.*

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RESPONSE v.16 *Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.*

REVELATION (Knowledge)

What does Jesus mean when He says that we, His disciples, "are the light of the world?"

What may seem confusing about that is that Jesus also says:

*Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. **John 8:12***

*As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world. **John 9:5***

These two statements by the Lord express His deity; that He is God. **REVELATION #1** (Christ is exalted)

*This then is the message which we have heard of Him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. **1 John 1:5***

That in His atoning death upon the Cross, He has saved us from the darkness of sin. **REVELATION #2** (Cross is central)

*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 marvellous light: **1 Peter 2:9***

His Word is a reflection of His light. **Revelation #3** (Scripture is inspired authority)

*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. **Psalms 119:105***

We are a reflection of His light. **Revelation #4** (by faith as His gift)

*He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. **John 1:8** (also **Genesis 1:3**)*

As we walk in His light, God is glorified. **Revelation #5** (glory to God alone).

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*Herein is My Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be My disciples. **John 15:8***

*for you were formerly darkness, but now you are light in the Lord; walk as children of light **9** (for the fruit of the light {consists} in all goodness and righteousness and truth), **Ephesians 5:8-9, NAS***

RELATIONSHIP (Understanding)

Because of the REVELATION of the truth that is in us who are saved,

We discover a distinct relationship exists between the world and us:

*A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. **v.14b***

...and with one another as believers:

*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. **v.15***

As unto the world... we are the gospel light to them as we are vessels of the Holy Spirit, having the testimony of Jesus in us and upon us.

As unto the church... we bring edification, encouragement, YES, and even admonishment, to one another through the light of God's Word being fulfilled in our lives.

Sadly, there are "leaders" in the church today that want that have forsaken this unique and supernatural RELATIONSHIP and exchanged it for **RELEVANCE**.

They try to make their churches RELEVANT to the culture in order to be attractive to unbelievers.

Lisa and I visited a church once... and their service had the lights down low... it was DARK in there!

They desire to attract the world through darkness and not light...

...and once they've lured them in, they keep them in by having no light in the congregational gathering.

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The irony of this is that in an effort to make Christianity "relevant" they have removed the **ONLY RELEVANT** truth there is:

Christ crucified, buried, and risen according to Scripture!

RESPONSE (wisdom)

We become testimonies of Jesus Christ...

v.16 *Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.*

These good works are NOT merely righteous acts. We must bear in mind that God always commands us to do the impossible!

The entire Sermon on the Mount is impossible to obey!

The Two Greatest Commandments are impossible to obey!

To love one another as Jesus loves us is impossible to obey!

Repentance can only come by the supernatural work of the Spirit.

Trusting in God can only come by the work of the Holy Spirit.

Obedience unto God's commandments can only come by the supernatural work of the Holy Spirit.

And the supernatural work of the Spirit comes by the gospel:

Christ crucified, buried, and risen according to Scripture!

*Then said they unto Him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God? Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on Him whom He hath sent. **John 6:28-29***

Believe ON Him; not believe things about Him.

The work of God is the Cross.

When we stay anchored in the Cross of Jesus Christ, according to His divinely inspired, inerrant, authoritative, and infallible Word...

...the Holy Spirit moves upon our lives supernaturally to enable us to embody the light of Jesus Christ...

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Then REPENTANCE, TRUST, OBEDIENCE, LOVE, FAITH, GODLINESS, RIGHTEOUSNESS, is worked out in our mortal flesh...

Now that God has made us alive through the gracious gift of the atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ,

We can, through His Spirit, stay at the Tree of Life,

THE CROSS OF JESUS CHRIST

12. Closing Prayer
13. Closing Hymn, #307, "Send the Light"
14. Benediction