

Orleans Convalescent Home

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Sermon – *A Picture of God's Presence: The Lampstand*

Revelation 1:12–13a, 20b

¹² Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw *seven golden lampstands*, ¹³ and in the midst of the **lampstands** one like a son of man...
...the *seven lampstands* are the *seven churches*.

The Golden Lampstand in the Tabernacle:

- 75 pounds pure gold
- Tree of Life (healing, food)
- Seven Oil Lamps
 - Light
 - Fire
 - Burning Bush

The Seven Golden Lampstands (The Church)

- "Tongues as of fire" (Acts 2:2–4)
- Jesus is our light/truth
- Jesus is the way to the Father
- Jesus is our life!
- God applies this life to us by the **Holy Spirit**
- The Church is God's Golden Lampstand

2 Corinthians 4:6–12

⁶ For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts **to give the light** of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. ⁷ But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. ⁸ We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; ⁹ persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; ¹⁰ always carrying in the body *the death of Jesus*, so that *the life of Jesus* may also be manifested in our bodies. ¹¹ For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. ¹² So death is at work in us, but life in you.