

FOLLOWING THE MESSAGE

- 1) Jesus is the exclusive source of Light. Truth is found only in Him (John 8:12).
- 2) In the beginning, before anything else, there was already life.
- 3) The very fact that we belong to Jesus makes us His light (John 8:12).
- 4) Jesus reduces the function of believers to one word: influence (Matthew 5:14).
- 5) For better or for worse, your function/influence affects how others see God.
- 6) If we do not follow Jesus, we evidence we do not possess His light.
- 7) A true follower will be moving toward spiritual things, closer to the Word of God, toward fellowship, toward worship, toward prayer. Those in the darkness do the opposite (John 1:5; 3:19–20) because light exposes darkness, and evil hates light.
- 8) According to the Bible, at salvation God placed eternal life in you; therefore, you radiate light. The complication comes when we allow our daily choices to obscure His light.
- 9) Because we believe, He has changed us from being part of the dark world to be His agents of light to others (Ephesians 5:8).
- 10) By definition, an influence must be different from that which it influences (Colossians 1:13).
- 11) By nature, light must be visible in order to illuminate.
- 12) Letting our light shine allows people to see the beauty Jesus has worked in us. To see good in us is to see Christ in us (Matthew 5:14-16).
- 13) Everything we do is to cause others to give praise to the God who is the source of all that is good.

GREEK WORDS

Akoloutheō (ak-ol-oo-theh'-o)—a particle of union; to be in the same way with
Kalos (kal-os')—properly beautiful, (figurative) good - virtuous

TODAY'S SONGS

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