

Announcements

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Halloween Fund

Raiser -Interested in helping with our annual Pregnancy Resource Center Halloween Fundraiser? Contact Brytt Keel - 360-621-8111 or bkeel@strategyrealestate.net

Foundations Class starting November 1st!**Communities:**

This is where we gather to pray, study and encourage one another as part of the missional work of the Gospel. We would love to get to know you more, and this is one of the best ways to get planted as a part of Seaside.

Please consider joining a Community to strengthen the not only your family, but the larger community.

Contact eric@seasidechurch.com for info on where groups meet or to lead/host one.

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2 Corinthians 3.18-4.15 provides a great summary of everything we have looked at so far in this passage.

What if we find ourselves hating the Light & it's work in our lives?**What happens if we can see no evidence of this Light in our lives?**

We need to first look at and be warned by passages such as Luke 11.33-36 & Isaiah 50.10-11. **If we are using God to love & worship "self", how great the darkness must be in us.** Even though the Light is very near, it has no real impact on a life. That's a very desperate place to be, for they are like a people without a homeland - the world does not want us, and they have no place before the throne of God. But they have not been left stranded - Ephesians 5 is clear on not only *what* must be done, but also *why* it is so important to be in the Light.

V.16 - The primary focus here is not us, the Disciples, or the visible & gathered community of believers, **but rather the good works leading to the glorifying of God.** This can be a troubling statement - if we are saved by grace alone (Eph. 2.8-10), and not through what we do, then what is Jesus saying here? These *good works* are not works that we have mustered up, that have somehow saved us or make us whole, but rather the good works that God has manifest through and in our lives (Phil. 1.21-2.12-18) **by and through faith.** In *seeing* His work in our lives, the evidence of our faith and trust in Him, they will glorify the only One who could make such things be in a dying and lost world. (see Gal. 5.16-26)

How does that look practically in our community and lives as we seek to live as the light He has made us to be?

- 1) We must **shift our focus** (Deut 30; Gal. 2.15-21)
- 2) We must **pray** (Acts 6.4; Rom. 8.26; Eph. 1.18, 6.18-20; Col 4.2-6; 2 Thess. 3.1)
- 3) We must **prepare our hearts and minds** (2 Tim. 2.20-27; Eph. 2.8-10)
- 4) We must **invest** our lives (Gal. 2.19-21)
- 5) We must **trust** the He is not asking us to be the "savior" of the world, but rather has worked in us a new heart, mind and life so that we might serve Him. (6.25-34)

We are the salt of the earth, preserving the wounds and decay through who we are in Christ, as Lights in the world, *distinctive* and *involved*, until the Great Healer, comes and shows them the sin that has so deeply wounded them, and shows a way out of darkness with and into the Light of Life.