



“Arise, shine; for your light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon you.”  
Isaiah 60:1

This is not an invitation for us to think about, but rather it is a direct command – “Arise! Shine!” Jesus brings perspective to our shining. Christians shine through their good works which directly speaks to the unbelieving about our heavenly Father’s goodness. “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father, Who is in heaven.” (Matthew 5:16)

As moral darkness increases throughout the earth and its peoples, the Lord has also promised to arise upon us like the glory of the morning sun, “For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the peoples, but the LORD shall arise upon you, and His glory shall be seen upon you.” (Isaiah 60:2). It is in this glory of God arising upon us, this blessing of the Lord resting upon us that acts as an attractant to the very people bound in gross moral darkness! “And the nations (peoples) shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.” (Isaiah 60:3).

With the Lord’s command to us to arise and shine – so He extends His promise that the peoples – the nations, our neighbors, our friends and family, will come to His light in us!

“My son, arise! shine! for Jesus and the sake of the peoples trapped and bound by darkness! You are the light of the world!”

“For it is God which works in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure. Do all things without murmurings and disputings: that you may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom you shine as lights in the world; holding forth the word of life...” (Philippians 2:13 – 16)

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