

# **Being One Who Is A True Light Bearer**

## **Are you carrying a light or a match?**

### **Acts 17: 1-15**

Paul and his team always went forth declaring the truth of who Jesus was and what Jesus had accomplished for us! That is the Story!

Three Sabbaths days he went into the Synagogue reasoning with them (vs 3) “that Christ must needs have suffered and risen from the dead” And some believed!

But the Jews which believed not, moved with envy against them, and punished Jason’s household for befriending Paul... and rejected those who became believers in the Jesus Message.

Vs 10 But Paul was sent away!

He came to Berea and in vs 11, many received the word with readiness of mind and many believed...

Vs 14 But Paul was sent away...

Paul came to Athens, Greece and communicated the Message

Read Acts 17: 23-31

Vs 32-34 many cleaved unto him, and believed. Paul then left and went to Corinth...

### ***What is the Pattern here? What do we see?***

#### **1. Darkness has a light Bearer | Christ’s Believers!**

Matthew 5: 14 “Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden; neither do men light a candle and hide it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.”

Remember John 1: 1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was nothing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shined in darkness; and the darkness comprehended

it not. There was a man sent from God whose name was John. The same came for a witness to bear witness of the light. That light was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world but the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own and his own received him not But as many as receive him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.

**2. There will be those who will rise up out of darkness and follow the Light *IF* they have the opportunity to do so...**

Romans 10: 14 “How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?

**3. God’s Followers must understand the devastation of dwelling in the Dark, the Hopelessness, and the helplessness.**

John 3: 16 whosoever believeth in him shall not perish but have eternal life...

Acts 17: 26-27

Vs 26 “... (God) hath determined the times—2540—(this is referring to the special time, the ordained opportunity) that is set before one, as they are living in the bounds of their habitation...

Vs 27 that they should seek the Lord if haply they might feel after him. And find him, thou he be not far from every one of us.”

Vs 30 “...But Now commandeth all men everywhere to repent...”

Vs 32 – Up came the barriers of the unbelievers... but some men cleaved unto him and believed...

**4. God’s followers must understand that when the light shines on Jesus and His accomplished people believe and people reject.**

But this is the ultimate test of eternity!

Some will believe and some will reject!

Remember the words of Jesus in Matthew 13 – The parable of the Sower

1. Immediate believers but short on knowledge...because the enemies of the light assault the new believers with words of discouragement and some walk away.

Remember, if someone can talk you into Believing someone can talk you out of believing.

2. With Joy received but had no stay---trouble came and they ran
3. Receive but have sold themselves to this world and have no room for God and Growth because they are so involved in the world that they cannot take the time to become!
4. The Fourth one is the one who receives and stays...growing and producing other believers...

What are the thieves of the Light?

1. Words of Adversity
2. Troubles that breed offense
3. Worldliness – Lot's Wife

The fact is, some will believe if we are the light bearers in this Dark World.

God will use the enemies, the mouths, the intimidators, the murderers, the Tribulation and even the love of this world to hide the light or declare those who only have a match and not a candle!

**The Fact is, we must ask ourselves, are we a match bearer or a light bearer?**

In my home, at my work, in my sphere of influence, in the places out of my reach – am I bearing any Fruit?

Remember, if the Truth Light shines in this Truly Dark world, there will be followers!

Is the Light of Christ shining through you?

Are you Paul to someone? He was lifting the light to find the others who would become light lifters!