THE LIGHT OF MEN

John 1:4. In Him was life; and the life was the light of men.

      Living in a world of darkness, as we do, we certainly need the light.  When I speak of darkness I am speaking of all the selfishness, hatred, corruption, and immorality that surrounds us.  As I write this piece I have just seen news of 11 people being killed in a Jewish Synagogue.  A shooter entered their place of worship with several weapons and used all of them as he shot people to death.  Someone said that the man was disturbed.  It seems to be Satan’s business to disturb people to the point of hurting, confusing and even killing other people.

      I pray that since we are Christians, we will not yield to the power of Satan and his temptation.  We have access to the light which is the light of men.  “In Him was life; and the life was the light of men.”  Though we live in such an evil and dark world the life that is in Jesus is ours.  That life brings light to this world.  The only hope for our country and our world is for us to let our light shine.  Who knows but someone had an opportunity to witness to the synagogue shooter sometime in his past but for whatever reason did not take advantage of the opportunity.  He never saw the light.  Maybe someone could have shared their faith with the man who sent all the bombs to different politicians but they did not.  Jesus can make a difference in lives.  I remember the lady who was taken hostage and shared thoughts from “The Purpose Driven Life” with her captor and he gave himself up.

      Yes we live in a dark world but there is light available.  Christians need to shine.  The Church must be the light on a hill.  We cannot afford to be shining but under a bushel (basket).  I am afraid that most of our witness and testimony for Christ is under the roof of the church house. It is beyond the walls of the church that we can become radiant for Christ.  There are some great words found in one of our children’s songs.  “This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine.”

“Hide it under a bushel, No, I’m gonna let it shine.”

“Don’t let Satan blow it out, I’m gonna let it shine.”

“Let it shine, Let it shine, Let it shine.”

A brother from church and I visited a man and shared Jesus with him.  He did not make a public profession to us that day and we felt we may have failed.  About two years later he passed away but testified to his family that he gave his life to Christ after we left his home that day.  “That is the life that is the light of men.”  To God be the glory! Great things he hath done!

Yours in Christ,

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