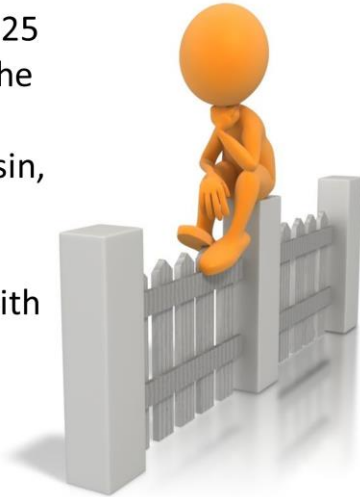


Do We Shine, or Do We Reflect?
Paul Before Agrippa: Part 2
Acts 26:13-32
July 16, 2023

Acts 26:14 . . . why are you persecuting Me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.'

Hebrews 11: 25
. . . to enjoy the
passing
pleasures of sin,

Temporary
happiness (with
side effects)



Romans 12:1
. . . to present
your bodies a
living and holy
sacrifice,
acceptable to
God. . .

Joy, peace, from
an internal
wellspring.

There is no more miserable person than the believer living with the ongoing conviction of the Holy Spirit in his/her life.

Acts 26:18 . . . to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the dominion of Satan to God . . .

Follow the progression of God's Light to humanity:
Genesis 1:1-3→Psalm 36:9→Isaiah 49:6→John1:4,5→
Luke 2:30-32→John 12:46→John 8:12 (speaking of
discipleship)→Acts 13:46,47→Matthew 28:19

The LORD's Servant Messiah is designated the light-bearer to the Gentiles, then so is the Apostle Paul, and, by extension, that role goes to us.

Colossians 1:12-14 There are only two "kingdoms":

"Light; Kingdom of Jesus; Dominion of God"

→Faith in Jesus, the Promised One, sent from Yahweh, God of the Bible, Creator of heavens and earth.

"Darkness; Dominion of Satan; Domain of darkness"

→*Everything else:*

The Cross plus Hard Work
Any god besides Yahweh/Jesus
Human philosophy
Naturalism/Atheism
Animism
Occult

Ephesians 5:1-17 The church cannot have an impact on the world unless she shines the Light of the Word, instead of reflecting the values of the world.