

Sermon Notes August 16, 2020
A LIGHT IN THE CITY, A HEART FOR GOD
Isaiah 42:6 John 17:15

“Let Your Light Shine..” Matthew 5:16

IN BABYLON...Lost 3 symbols of identity: 1) Land, 2) King, 3) Temple

Surrounded by Babylonian gods and a pagan culture. They had to remain separate while being dominated by ungodly people. Called on to be God’s witnesses remain faithful to the Covenant.

U. S. Church-Christians called to witness within a larger culture which adheres to horrible values. Opposed to Christian standards. Church: Holds to salvation through faith in Christ alone. The world says there are many ways to God, find your own. Biblical values are no longer valid for many people. Out of step with the current cultural flow. Culture is being shaped by religious fragmentation not unlike the political fragmentation we constantly see. Lutzer has a concern at the possible death of Christian America...the Christian Influence

- Dissatisfaction and Critique of the Church
- Changing Sexual Attitudes
- Rise of Moral and Spiritual Relativism

PILGRIMS out of step with ever-changing culture yet Sent by Christ into the world. Remain in the world (John 17:15). Our place is In The World to be Salt and Light! A Call for Christians for Infiltration without Contamination. Accept being different, be set apart even while living in the midst of rising cultural embracing of ungodliness.

Conclusion: 1) As Israel was called to be Light to the nations-Disciples of Jesus are called to be Light in the world today 2) We cannot be Isolationists, nor Escapists if we will truly be Light 3) We will Face Opposition 4) God Will Sustain us...our challenge is to Remain Faithful.

WE BELIEVE : We Believe in a God who is always with us. We Believe in a God who never forsakes us. We Believe in a God who is revealed as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We Believe in a God who gives confidence to face everything which appears in this world as we await the fullness in the world that is to come. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray, Amen.