Encourage to Pray for our Church & our Pastor \_\_ \_\_ 2020-03-08 ~ GGCC, Sunday 10: AM

Open with PRAYER (NKJV) MATTHEW – written – approx. A.D. 50-60

 Give Title: **‘TESTIMONY of LIGHT’**

(\*What is your TESTIMONY? It’s a Powerful Tool!*)*

**Slide Show Order:**

1. **S#1** – Verse on screen = **Matthew 5: 16 (NKJV)**
2. **S#2** – Question = **‘What is a Testimony?’**
3. **S#3** – Verse on screen = **2 Corinthians 3: 2-3 (NKJV)**
4. **S#4** – Billy Graham = Quote ‘We are…’
5. **S#5** – REFLECTION QUESTION
6. **S#6** – QUOTE: ‘Live in such as way…’
7. **S#7** – Verse on screen = **Matthew 5: 13-16 (NKJV)**

**S#1** – **Matthew 5: 13-16 (NKJV)** Verse :16 on screen = *(read 5:13-16)*

 *:16 ‘Let your Light Shine before men…’*

**Luke 11:33** *‘…see the Light’*

Talk about Light

**S#2** – Question = ‘What is a Testimony?’ (1828-Def., noun & verb)

 **Your LIFE is a Testimony!** (Give a few Personal Testimonies)

 **Your Life is a Living Example of Christ to the World!**

**S#3** – **2 Corinthians 3: 2-3 (NKJV)** ‘Epistle’ <GRK> epistolē  **Your Life is a Message to Others!**

From [G1989](https://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/lexicon/lexicon.cfm?Strongs=G1989); a written message:—"epistle," letter.

Heart <GRK> Kardia denotes the centre of all physical and spiritual life

 **Your Life speaks to others hearts!**

‘John Bunyan’ story – Adrian Rogers was just telling (he over heard Women talking about Jesus)

 Author – ‘Pilgrims Progress’

\*On your seat when you came in, there should have been a Tract. (Read back of Tract)

**BULLETIN INSERTS:** Outreaches & Easter – Resurrection Sunday

Prayerfully consider, who you can invite to Church this year.

**S#4 –** Billy Graham Quote ‘We are…’

(Warning: Careful we Don’t add to the Word of God!)

**EXAMPLE:** (MAKE IT REAL) FLASHLIGHT & MIRROR – Refraction.

**S#5** – REFLECTION QUESTION: What wrong concepts about God are we holding on to that keep me from experiencing Joy? Oswald Chambers (or all of Christ?) / \***GOD CAN USE YOU!**

Let’s discuss Sin for a few moments now.

**1 John 2:16** (name some major sins that hinder us, the devil is trying to trip you / us up.)

**WHAT SHOULD WE DO WHEN TEMPTED?**

**Matthew 4: 1 – 10** – Turn to the W.O.G. ‘It is Written’

**I Corinthians 6: 20** – We were / are ‘Bought with a Price’

**Hebrews 10:23-25 –** Get together more! (Reference the back of our Bulletin, Gather together)

**Romans 10:17 –** GROW!

**S#6** – QUOTE: ‘Live in such as way…’

**2 Thessalonians 2:15** – Stand fast…to what been taught’

Let the Word of God do a work in you, through you & into Others!

 The W.O.G. burns in the heart of Man

Hebrews 4:12 – Speak the Word of God aloud into others’ lives!

There is Power in the WORD of GOD, Use it Wisely!

Read the Words to Song: ‘GO LIGHT YOUR WORLD’ by Chris Rice

Some Extra Verses: (look at the clock)

**Closing: S#7** – Verse on screen = **Matthew 5: 16 (NKJV)** *(read 5:13-16)*

 *Matthew 5:16 ‘Let your Light Shine before men…’*

 *Luke 11:33 ‘…that they may see the Light’*

**YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD**

Amen & Pray (quote Eph. 1:7 & John 3:16) (\*Salvation Prayer, Media)

**S#1** = ‘Matthew 5:16’ (NKJV) entire verse

 Luke 11:33 - …that they may see the Light.

**S#2** = What is a Testimony?

 Your Life is a Testimony!

 A Living Example of Christ to Others.

**S#5** = REFLECTION QUESTION: What wrong concepts about God are we holding on to that keep me from experiencing Joy? Oswald Chambers (or all of Christ?)

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**HOW to / Ideas:**

Memorize a VERSE & share it, Use your Personal Testimony

TESTIMONY (http://webstersdictionary1828.com/Dictionary)

TEST'IMONY, **noun** [Latin testimonium.] A solemn declaration or affirmation made for the purpose of establishing or proving some fact. Such affirmation in judicial proceedings, may be verbal or written, but must be under oath. testimony differs from evidence; testimony is the declaration of a witness, and evidence is the effect of that declaration on the mind, or the degree of light which it affords.

1. Affirmation; declaration. These doctrines are supported by the uniform testimony of the fathers. The belief of past facts must depend on the evidence of human testimony or the testimony of historians.

2. Open attestation; profession.

Thou for the testimony of truth hast borne

Universal reproach.

3. Witness; evidence; proof of some fact.

Shake off the dust under your feet, for a testimony against them. [Mark 6:11](http://webstersdictionary1828.com/Dictionary/Testimony).

4. In Scripture, the two tables of the law.

Thou shalt put into the ark the testimony which I shall give thee. [Exodus 25:16](http://webstersdictionary1828.com/Dictionary/Testimony).

5. The book of the law.

He brought forth the king's son--and gave him the testimony [2 Kings 11:12](http://webstersdictionary1828.com/Dictionary/Testimony).

6. The gospel, which testifies of Christ and declares the will of God. [1 Corinthians 2:1](http://webstersdictionary1828.com/Dictionary/Testimony). [2 Timothy 1:8](http://webstersdictionary1828.com/Dictionary/Testimony).

7. The ark. [Exodus 16:34](http://webstersdictionary1828.com/Dictionary/Testimony).

8. The word of God; the Scriptures.

The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple [Psalms 19:7](http://webstersdictionary1828.com/Dictionary/Testimony).

9. The laws or precepts of God. 'I love thy testimonies.' 'I have kept thy testimonies.'

10. That which is equivalent to a declaration; manifestation.

Sacrifices were appointed by God for a testimony of his hatred of sin.

11. Evidence suggested to the mind; as the testimony of conscience. [2 Corinthians 1:12](http://webstersdictionary1828.com/Dictionary/Testimony).

12. Attestation; confirmation.

TEST'IMONY, **verb** transitive To witness. [Not in use.]

**Quotes:**

OSWALD CHAMBERS – DEVO.

BILLY GRAHAM

UNKNOWN

**Oswald Chambers / Joy Strength**

What was the joy of the Lord Jesus Christ? His joy was in having completely finished the work His Father gave Him to do; and the same type of joy will be granted to every man and woman who is born of God and sanctified, when they fulfill the work God has given them to do. What is that work?

To be a saint, a walking, talking, living, practical epistle of what God Almighty can do through the Atonement of the Lord Jesus Christ—one in identity with the faith of Jesus, one in identity with the love of Jesus, one in identity with the Spirit of Jesus until we are so one in Him that the high-priestly prayer not only begins to be answered, but is clearly manifest in its answering—“that they may be one, even as We are.”
Job gives expression to a new conception of God; his hope is that an umpire will arise who will not only justify God, but also justify him. It was grief that brought Job to this place, and grief is the only thing that will; joy does not, neither does prosperity, but grief does.
Reflection Questions: In what ways do I try to find joy when I am not walking and talking like Jesus? What makes me think this is possible?

“You are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read by all men; clearly you are an epistle of Christ, ministered by us, written not with ink but by the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of flesh, that is, of the heart.”

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