

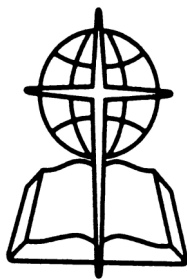
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"I have the daily burden of how the churches are getting along."

2 Cor. 11: 28b

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Shine on Me so I can Shine for You

Please read Psalms 67. It starts with the words—God be merciful to us and bless us and cause Your face to shine on us.

The psalmist desires that all the nations praise God for His power, His salvation, His illuminations, and all His physical, relational, emotional, financial, and fruitful blessings.

The Psalmist's Prayer has a purpose and a pattern! The purpose of the prayer is for God's glory to be seen and understood among His people. The pattern of the prayer creates a recital of the various ways for God to shine His glory on His people and His world.

Consider the Consequences of the Psalmist's Prayer! 67:6-7. The psalmist anticipates 8 results if his prayer is answered.

The first expected result of this prayer is for God's mercy and illumination to produce fruitful blessings on His people v.6!

The second result is for the earth to yield its abundant harvests in the physical realm of life!! This prayer is for our work on earth to be fruitful.

The third outcome for this prayer points to God's Spiritual blessings vv. 2-7! God's mercy and illumination will result in His people experiencing the LORD's saving deliverance from sin, selfishness, and Satan v.2.

The fourth desire of the psalmist is for God's mercy and illumination to affect all people everywhere in experiencing the universal praise of God v. 3.

The fifth yearning communicated in this prayer is for God's mercy and illumination to develop God's people's experience of amazing gladness and Divine joy v. 4.

The sixth longing is for God's mercy and illumination to elevate the experience of Heaven's joyful music and songs v. 4.

The seventh thirst is for God's mercy and illumination to result in His people experiencing His leadership to guide this world in the right direction v. 4.

The eighth effect of the psalmist's prayer intends for God's mercy and illumination to cause a universal fear for God Himself v. 7.

This psalm reminds me of the song "Light from the Lighthouse". Here are some of the lyrics.

Let it shine on, let it shine on
Let your light from the lighthouse shine on me.
Let it shine, let it shine on
Let your light from the lighthouse shine on me.

All of us like God's light shining on us. God wants to shine on us. Jesus came to give us abundant life—a shining life. He wants to shine on us for a particular reason.

Let's notice why the psalmist wants the blessings so that he can shine for God in his world. In verse two we find the words "that your way may be known on earth."

The Psalmist wants to shine for the LORD! Jesus tells us the same thing. Jesus tells us He is the light of the World (John 8:12). Jesus tells us to let our light shine to bring glory to the Father (Matthew 5:17).

There you have it! God wants to shine on me so that I can shine for Him!

That requires me to cooperate with the Light! What does Jesus want me to do? Trust Him for life abundant and everlasting. Depend on Him for the words, power, and resources to let His will be done in every part of my life. Fellowship with Him in private and public. Worship Him in spirit and truth. Walk with Him humbly. Work for His cause willingly. Witness about Him to a world lost in darkness with the power of the Holy Spirit. To surrender my will, my way, and my all to Him.

Paul put it this way "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

² And be not conformed to this world: but you be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." Romans 12:1-2

Now we all have to ask ourselves what this looks like in our life, our church, our county, our country, and our world. God will show you the answer if you ask Him. If you cooperate Jesus will shine on you, so that you can shine for Him!

Mark Your Calendar. . .



SAMFORD Ministry Training Institute (MTI)

BBA office beginning 3/27 at 6:00pm

FBC Woodstock beginning Wed. 3/29 at 9am

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March 27 - Spring Break for our Bibb County Schools

March 28 - VBS Training at Chapel Hill Baptist, Tuscaloosa at 6pm with a light dinner.

April 01 - Wild & Unbroken Men's night at West Blocton FBC. 2-6pm with a message, demonstration and BBQ

April 01 - Arts on the Cahaba Festival, 10am - 2pm uptown Centreville - Free event

April 04 - Special Called Executive Committee Meeting
6:30 meal - 7:00 Meeting

April 09 - **Hallelujah! Resurrection Sunday!**

April 22 - Women's Conference at Lowerytown.
"The Master Gardener" 9-12 with lunch.
Registration at 8:30

April 23 - Spring Renewal 6pm at Mt. Carmel.



I AM THE
Light of the world.
"WHOEVER FOLLOWS ME
will never walk in darkness.
BUT WILL HAVE
THE
light
OF LIFE.
JOHN 8:12

**Let's pray together for all our churches!
This month...**

Six Mile (Bro. Ben Dailey)

Shady Grove II (Bro. Eddie Walker)

Shady Grove (Bro. Jim Headley - Interim)

Schultz Creek (Bro. Mike Bell - interim)