

Devotion
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Arise and shine, says the Lord!

Is 60:1: *"Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you."*

This prophetic word from Isaiah 60 means at least three things to us today:

Firstly, we should not be people living in the darkness of the world. Our whole lives should be different from the style and choices of the children of darkness. We should not be overcome by the practices of an ungodly world, but become conquerors for the Kingdom of God and his work.

Secondly it means that as we are in the light, we should live as children of light. Our lives should be full of the fruit of the light: goodness, righteousness, and truth and never collaborate with those that seek to bring the darkness of sin into church activities.

Thirdly, the light of Jesus should be evident in our lives. People should be able to look at us and see the light of Christ in us. This is how Isaiah puts it:

(Is 60:3) *"Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn."*

To the unbeliever our radically different values and life-principles lives show that we own something special that they do not have. They must see the glorious light of God's presence in Christ, in our lives, become curious and become willing *"to come to our light"*. Then even kings, rulers, people with influence and authority will eventually come to the *"brightness of our dawn"*. Because we carry in us the light that Jesus Christ brought into the world.

This is the thing: reflect the light of Christ and show others the way to God and to heaven, because you carry in your heart the Light of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ, wherever you go!

Become believers: Arise and Shine!