

Reflecting God's Light

Part 2 of a 2-part Series

Just a couple of weeks ago, we were blessed with a nearly total lunar eclipse. On the night of a full moon, for several hours, the Earth blocked a portion of the moon in our sky. Although we think of the moon as a bright object in the sky, it gets its radiance only as a reflection of the sun's rays. Without it, it would be a dark mass, invisible from Earth.



We are the same way. When God shines His light on us, we can reflect that love to others. While the moon gets its light from the sun, we get our light from the Son. Before we were people of faith, we lived in darkness in a dark world. *For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (Ephesians 5:8).* Did you catch the last part – to live as children of the light? Now, we can reflect Christ's character and love in a world in need of the light only God can provide. Without God, we have no light to shine. We're like the moon, obscured from any light and blocked by the darkness of this world.

We reflect God's light through our daily words, actions, and service to others. It all starts with knowing God and being in His presence. We need to align our lives with God's plan for our lives. In the spiritual sense, light is a universal symbol of a divine presence, truth, wisdom, and life. We need to live in a manner that reflects our identity in Christ. Whatever we do – our good works – are to point others toward God and not ourselves. We seek to glorify God in all that we do. The Bible says, ..., *let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven (Matthew 5:16).*

If you like practical tips, think about these:

- Honor God by serving others
- Walk in humility – You are not the source of light – God is. He works through you.
- Stay connected with God as you seek God's purpose in your life



Partial lunar eclipse

Yes, we want to reflect God's love on a dark world. *For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ. (2 Corinthians 4:6).*

You can be the reflection of God that helps others to believe. Don't hide your faith. *You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house (Matthew 5:14-16).*