

Joy! Church | 4.28.24
We love you. Yes, you

Lit!

Part 1 - Dimmed

Extreme Jesus
Normalize extraordinary

Let's play Hangman



Beauty is in the

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What else is in the eye of the beholder?

- Right
- Wrong
- Good
- Bad
- Evil
- Justice
- Logic
- Fairness
- Fun
- Moral
- Immoral
- Fun that's okay fun
- Appropriate dress
- Rapture
- Sin
- Fair / equitable
- Spirit gifts ceased
- Salvation
- Situation that's pleasant
- What's horrible
- Senses that are pleasant
- Women can teach (or not)
- What's good music
- Right party or candidate
- What the bible says
- What the bible doesn't say
- Who's a Christian

The trouble with our own thinkings (2 Cor 4:3-4)

*Depending on how engaged we are as **FOLLOWERS** :*

ESV. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those [us] who are perishing. 4 In their [our] case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them [us] from seeing **the light** of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

TPT. Even if our gospel message is veiled, it is only veiled to those who are perishing, 4 for their minds have been blinded by the god of this age, leaving them in unbelief. Their blindness keeps them from seeing **the dayspring light** of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the divine image of God.

The trouble with our own thinkings (2 Cor 11:14-15)

And even when we are fully engaged as FOLLOWERS:

ESV. ... even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. 15 So it is no surprise if his [satan's] servants, also, disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. Their end will correspond to their deeds.

TPT. That doesn't surprise us, for even Satan transforms himself to appear as an angel of light! 15 So it's no wonder his [satan's] servants also go about pretending to be ministers of righteousness. But in the end they will be exposed and get exactly what they deserve.

The trouble with following our own heart

Is it turned fully to God? Totally submitted? How do we even know?

Jeremiah 17:9. The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?

Mark 7:21-23, Jesus speaking(!). "Evil originates from inside a person. Coming out of a human heart are evil schemes, sexual immorality, theft, murder, 22 adultery, greed, wickedness, treachery, debauchery, jealousy, slander, arrogance, and recklessness. 23 All these corrupt things emerge from within and constantly defile a person."

When it comes to human hearts (our own, and others')

- Proverbs 21:2. Every way of a man is right in his own eyes, but the Lord weighs the heart.
- 1st Samuel 16:7b For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.
- Matthew 7:1-3, Jesus speaking. “Refuse to be a critic full of bias toward others, and you will not be judged. 2 For you’ll be judged by the same standard that you’ve used to judge others. The measurement you use on them will be used on you. 3 Why would you focus on the flaw in someone else’s life and fail to notice the glaring flaws of your own?”

Table Time

Proverbs 4:23

1. **Discuss** this verse in practical, real-world terms. What does it mean?
2. **Cite examples** (positive & negative) you have seen from your own life.
3. **Pray** for one another in your own words—to shepherd hearts well

TPT. So above all, guard the affections of your heart, for they affect all that you are. Pay attention to the welfare of your innermost being, for from there flows the wellspring** of life. ** *Hebrewroot: seasons*

KJV. For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he

ESV. Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life.

NIV. Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.

AMP. Watch over your heart with all diligence, for from it flow the springs of life.

Invitation to Action... and challenge. Be lit up!

1. Take the handout (verses on light)
Or sign up to have one e-mailed to you
Or download it from either the joychurch.life website or the
JC Family Connection Facebook Group page
2. Digest the verses
Journal what jumps out at you,
or bubbles up within you,
or Holy Spirit shows you in any other way
3. **BONUS CHALLENGE:** Be prepared to share what you journaled
during next week's Sunday service (5/5). 1 or 2 minutes is all