

Getting Ready for Eternity

3 Reminders for the Journey

- Sermon 1: Rescuing Our Spiritual Sensibility
- Sermon 2: Remembering the Purpose of His Power
(Mark 5:25–34)
- Sermon 3: Living as an Ambassador – The Light of
the World (Matthew 5:14–16; Acts 9:36–39)



Matthew 5:14-16 in the New Living Translation (NLT) reads:

¹⁴ “You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.

· **ACTS 9:36–41 (NLT)** ³⁶ There was a believer in Joppa named Tabitha (which in Greek is Dorcas^[a]). She was always doing kind things for others and helping the poor. ³⁷ About this time she became ill and died. Her body was washed for burial and laid in an upstairs room. ³⁸ But the believers had heard that Peter was nearby at Lydda, so they sent two men to beg him, “Please come as soon as possible!”

³⁹ So Peter returned with them; and as soon as he arrived, they took him to the upstairs room. The room was filled with widows who were weeping and showing him the coats and other clothes Dorcas had made for them. ⁴⁰ But Peter asked them all to leave the room; then he knelt and prayed. Turning to the body he said, “Get up, Tabitha.” And she opened her eyes! When she saw Peter, she sat up! ⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then he called in the widows and all the believers, and he presented her to them alive.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:20 (NKJV)

²⁰ Now then, **we are ambassadors for Christ**, as though God were pleading through us: we implore *you* on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.



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Living as an Ambassador

The Light of the World

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The Eternal Perspective

Preparing for eternity is not simply about securing your place in Heaven. It is about waking up every morning with the radical consciousness that you are stationed — right now — in a foreign land. Your true citizenship is in Heaven;

(Philippians 3:20). ²⁰ But we are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly waiting for him to return as our Savior. (NLT)



To be ready for eternity means living today as Heaven's official representative on earth.



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We Are Called to Be the Light

The Ambassador's Commission

**An ambassador never
freelances.**

**We were not saved to blend in
— We were sent out.**

Three Pillars of This Message

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The Fire of Your Identity

Matthew 5:14–15 — *You are the light.*

02

The Ambassador's Credential – The Proof

Acts 9:36–39 — The legacy of Tabitha.

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The Father's Glory

Matthew 5:16 — The ultimate agenda.

Point 1 — Matthew 5:14–15

The Fire of Your Identity

"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden." —
Matthew 5:14

Notice what Jesus does *not* say.

He does not issue a command to try harder or do better.

Under the anointing of the Holy Ghost, He declares a spiritual fact: "You **ARE** the light." This is your identity — not a goal to achieve, but a reality to walk in.



The Baskets That Dim the Light

Jesus warns in verse 15 against covering a burning lamp with a basket — rendering its light useless. Matt. 5:15: ¹⁵ No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house.

Two baskets threaten the modern believer's witness every single day.



The Basket of Fear



The Basket of Culture



A city on a hill cannot be hidden.

If the Holy Ghost is truly inside us, people ought to notice a difference when you walk into the room! Love and faith is your language.



Point 2 — Acts 9:36–39

The Ambassador's Credential

**"She was always doing good
and helping the poor." — Acts 9:36**

Dorcas never preached at a crusade.

She was a seamstress. Yet when she died, those widows did not stand before Peter and recite her theological positions — they wept and held up the coats and shirts she had made.

Her mission was woven into fabric.

The Needle and Thread Anointing

What Is in Your Hand?

Your diplomatic credentials are not your church title or ministry position.

They are your acts of love, your generosity, your willingness to sit with the brokenhearted, and your intentionality in serving.

Eternity in the Present

If we are getting ready for eternity, we must begin sharing Jesus today

—

a legacy so embroyded into people's lives that it outlives us and keeps pointing them toward the Father long after we are gone.

Point 3 — Matthew 5:16

The Ultimate Agenda: The Father's Glory

"...that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." — Matthew 5:16

The Danger of Self-Promotion



The Power of Promoting Jesus



The agenda of the Father:

Spirit-Fueled Endurance

The Spirit sustains what human willpower cannot. He replenishes your capacity to love, serve, and shine — especially in the hardest seasons.



A Life That Draws Others

Your Spirit-filled good deeds become a magnet, drawing lost souls toward the Father — not to you, but through you.



A Living Signpost

Every act of Spirit-empowered love redirects someone's gaze toward eternity. You are not just doing good — you are preaching without words.

We are Getting Ready for Eternity

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Conclusion

The Ambassador's Final Account

Every ambassador is eventually called home to stand before their government and give an account of their deployment.

One day the trumpet will sound. And we all must stand before God.

How are we living our life today?

📄 **Are we living as a citizen of this world —
or as an Ambassador of God's Kingdom?**

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- **Sermon 3: Living as an Ambassador – The Light of the World (Matthew 5:14–16; Acts 9:36–39)**



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