



NEW COVENANT CHURCH

Called Justified Gloried

You Were Called to Shine as Lights

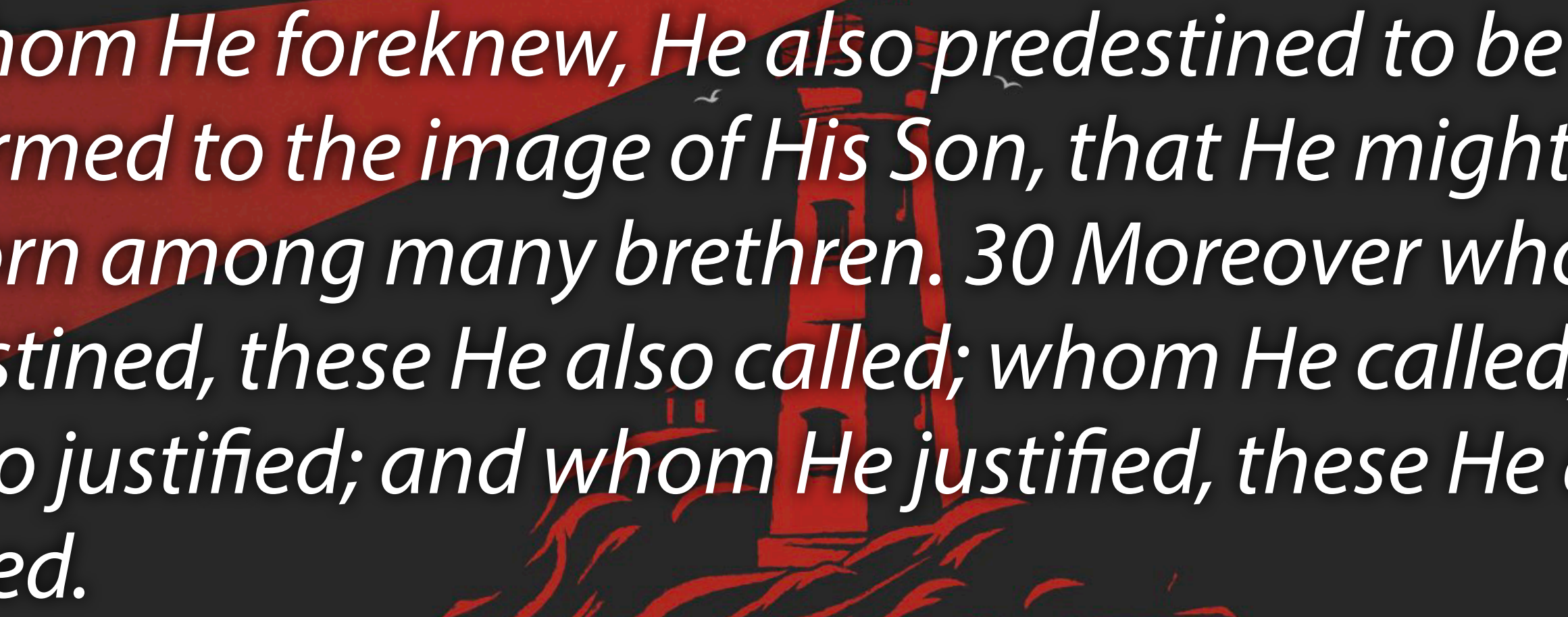
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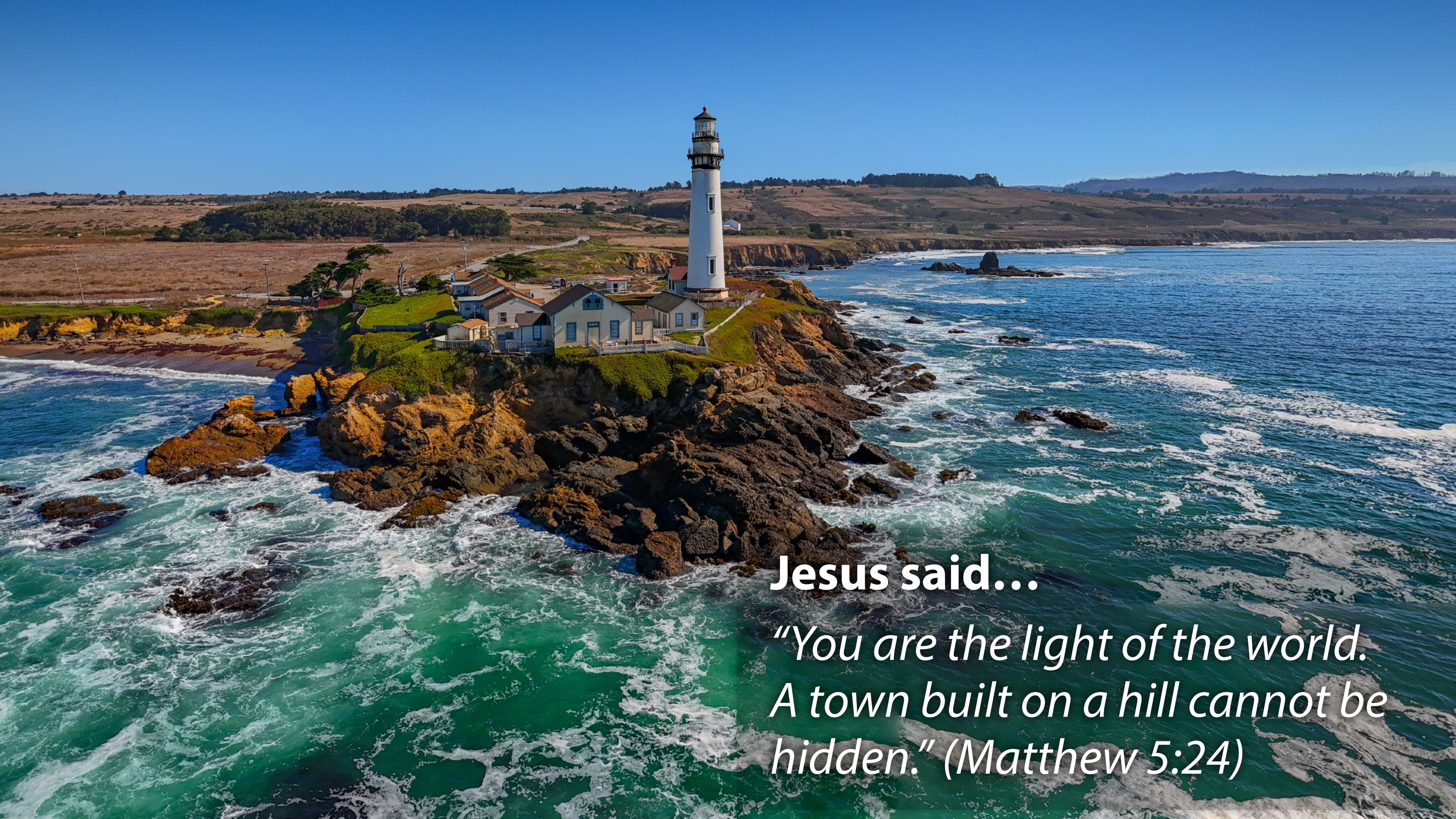
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Jesus said...

*"You are the light of the world.
A town built on a hill cannot be
hidden." (Matthew 5:24)*



You are a Lighthouse

- Beneficial when conditions are dark
- Provide warning of dangers
- Confirm direction
- Beacon of hope

Not shining is not an option for us.

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You are predestined to be conformed to the image of Jesus Christ

Let's Talk About **How We Shine**

It starts with being conformed to the image of His Son.

You are **Imago Dei**, image of God fulfilled in Christ

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Children conceived and born to their parents **are predestined to be conformed** to their parents in many ways physically.

That is the nature of DNA.

However, we have lived and grown up influenced by many factors not necessarily related to **our Imago Dei DNA.**

Our challenge is that we have lived and grown up influenced by many factors not necessarily related to our Imago Dei.





There is Nothing Greater Than Your Actual Image in Christ

Not trying to be like someone to fill some
pattern that does not belong to you.

Romans 8:30

Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

CALLED: God's will and purpose in Christ made known to you

JUSTIFIED: Becoming righteous through Christ. Giving up on using your own strength. No longer being self-righteous

GLORIFIED: Fulfilling your purpose day by day

Encounters with God Cause You to Shine

MAKE A CHOICE

Deuteronomy 30:19

I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live;

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A Lesson from Josiah

How Your Light Turns On

Josiah

- Became king at eight years old
- Predestined to deliver Israel from idolatry instituted more than 350 years before he was born
- Grew up and became of “nice” person and “good” king, but didn’t make a difference until is light turned on

Jeroboam Ruined His Nation

- Under Jeroboam, the Hebrews became a divided nation: Israel and Judah
- **Jeroboam** caused the division and became king of Israel
- **Rehoboam** became king of Judah

Jeroboam Instituted Idolatry

1 Kings 12:26, *And Jeroboam said in his heart, “Now the kingdom may return to the house of David: 27 If these people go up to offer sacrifices in the house of the Lord at Jerusalem, then the heart of this people will turn back to their lord, Rehoboam king of Judah, and they will kill me and go back to Rehoboam king of Judah.” 28 Therefore the king asked advice, made two calves of gold, and said to the people, “It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem. Here are your gods, O Israel, which brought you up from the land of Egypt!”*

God Sent a Prophet to Warn Jeroboam

1 Kings 13:1, *And behold, a man of God went from Judah to Bethel by the word of the Lord, and Jeroboam stood by the altar to burn incense. 2 Then he cried out against the altar by the word of the Lord, and said, "O altar, altar! Thus says the Lord: 'Behold, a child, **Josiah by name**, shall be born to the house of David; and on you he shall sacrifice the priests of the high places who burn incense on you, and men's bones shall be burned on you.*

350 Later, Josiah's Light Turns On

However, during the year of Josiah's 18th birthday, Hilkiah the high priest finds a book in the Temple and gives it to Shaphan, the scribe. Shaphan takes the book to King Josiah and begins to read it to him.

2 Kings 22:11, *"Now it happened, when the king heard the words of the Book of the Law, that he tore his clothes."*

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Why did Josiah tear his clothes? (Tearing the outer garment was an expression of surprise and alarm)

He tore his clothes because he heard something that caused him to be overwhelmed by the revelation of his destiny! He saw his name written in history by the unnamed prophet, 350 years earlier.

Josiah's Light Turned On!

An encounter with God through the Word activated his destiny. The same destiny that was prophesied 350 years before by a no-name prophet.

Josiah's Light Turned On!

As Josiah went about exhuming and burning the remains of leaders who corrupted the worship of God and the Imago Dei, he happened upon a very special tomb.

2 Kings 23:17 *"It is the tomb of the man of God who came from Judah [350 years earlier] and **proclaimed these things which you have done against the altar of Bethel.**"*

It's Time for Your Light to be Turned On!

God is not only working for you today.

He's been working on you and the plan for your life, all of your life, before your life.

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