

The Auditorium Sunday School Class

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The Parable of the Candle (Luke 8:16-18)

Introduction: In literature, candles have often been compared to the shortness and fragility of human life.

Candles, when lit, can be seen getting shorter and shorter and eventually disappear.

“The Parable of the Candle” can be interpreted as symbolic of mortal life.

- I. God did not save us to hide us in the darkness.
 - A. Why did Jesus point out that no man lights a candle and then covers it?
 1. It is a waste of wax to light a candle and hide its light.
 2. A candle that is lit does not serve its purpose when hidden.
 3. It is illogical for a man to light a candle and hide its light.
 - B. What is the purpose of a lit candle?
 1. It is to be set on a candlestick.
 2. There is a place prepared for it (a candlestick).
 3. On the candlestick, everyone see the light of the candle.
 - C. Why did Jesus save you?
 1. Jesus explains why in Matthew 5:14-16.
 2. The light of our salvation is to be seen by all men.
- II. Let's apply The Parable of the Candle" to our lives.
 - A. Our lives, like lit candles, are diminishing every day.
 - B. It is a complete waste of human life to hide salvation's light.
 - C. Refusing to shine is a denial of the purpose of our salvation.
 - D. God has prepared us for the candlestick.
- III. Being reclusive does not make you invisible.
 - A. Notice verse 17.

- B. Eventually, the most private lives are opened to the public.
- C. Every Christian, visible or hidden, will be remembered for something.
 - Why not be remembered as a light that shined in darkness?

Conclusion: If you shine as a Christian you will be rewarded, but if you hide your light you will suffer loss.

- But you will be remembered either way.