**LIFE & WORK OF THE CHURCH**

**March 3, 2019**

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**Minister’s Drop-In Office Hours**

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 10am to 12 Noon

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**TODAY’S MESSAGE**

When you get right with God by faith in Jesus, you become a new person

“***We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are***”

(Romans 3:22)

“***Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!***” (2 Corinthians 5:17).

The Bible uses many images to describe your new life. One of such images is “light of the world” (Matthew 5:14).

This means, the world is dark; you are called, then, to “l***et your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven***” (Matthew 5:16).

In fact, your ***new relationship*** with Godshows in your behavior; the world ought to see it. And for this to happen, you need to …

1. **Talk to God in prayer**
2. **Let God talk to you through His Word (Bible)**
3. **Talk with fellow believers in Christ**
4. **Talk to others about your new life in Christ**

Think about this:

***Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in me,***

***All his wonderful passion and purity,***

***O thou Spirit divine, all my nature refine,***

***Till the beauty of Jesus be seen in me.***

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