

WHO CAN CARRY THE CROSS  
OF CONSEQUENCE & SHAME?

**EXODUS 28:30,36-38**

- Intro:
1. Have you ever been called, “Holier than thou?”
  2. Can you imagine the mockery you would receive if you wore a beautiful signet pin on your chest that said, “Light and Truth Inside” and a hat that read, “Dedicated to the LORD.”
  3. With all of the “Christian” marketing these days, the world is coming to resent the t-shirts, ball caps & bumper stickers when our lips and lives do not proclaim the humble message that we are sinners saved by God’s grace. Exodus 28 shows us that the only way we can bear the light, truth and holiness of God is by admitting the judgment, shame and consequences of sin.

Prop: **You must Carry Christ with Humility!**

**I. By Balancing Light & Truth with Judgment (Exo. 28:30).**

1. Urim = lights *Jn1:4 “In him was life; and the life was the light of men.”*  
Thummim = perfections (truth) *Jn14:6 “I am the way, the truth...”*
2. The darkness of judgment lifted makes the light of freedom brighter.
3. In Christ, there should be a sense of relief, Rom.3:23, “*All have sinned...*” so that, if we indeed go as the blind man of Matt.5 and the adulteress of John 8 and “sin no more” we do not carry an arrogance in our light and truth, but rather we carry the message of “burdens are lifted at Calvary!”

What is the “light” and “truth” of our soul today that we carry, even keeping in our hearts the knowledge of judgment?

**LIGHT** = the Spirit of God giving our hearts instruction...

**Numbers 27:21** *And he shall stand before Eleazar the priest, who shall ask counsel for him after the judgment of Urim before the LORD: at his word shall they go out, and at his word they shall come in, both he, and all the children of Israel with him, even all the congregation.*

**1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 23:9-11; 30:7-8**, David twice calls for the priest to bring the EPHOD (with the lights & perfections inside) to seek God’s directions.

**John 14:15-17** *If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.*

**TRUTH** = the Word of God giving our lives direction...

**John 1:17** *For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. (see also John 1:1-2)*

**Colossians 2:2-3** *That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ; In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.*

**1 Thessalonians 2:13** *For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.*

**Jesus said in His prayer in John 17:17** *Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth....* **2 Timothy 3:16** *All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:*

4. Have you found yourself condemning your neighbor for selfish acts after you have been convicted of selfishness by the light of God’s Spirit and corrected by the truth of God’s Word.
5. Will you take time today, dear friend, to consider the judgment that has been satisfied to give you the privilege to even carry God’s Lights and Perfections...Do you need to thank God and restore a right relationship with another?

**II. By Bearing Holiness in light of Iniquity (Exo. 28:36-38).**

1. holiness = sacred (set-apart) for the Lord  
hallow = to make clean  
accepted = be a delight to; give pleasure to
2. Human efforts of holiness only highlight God’s gift of righteousness.
3. The Urim & Thummim were symbols of God’s holiness and often contrasted with the people’s doubt and ungodliness:  
**Exodus 17:7** *And he called the name of the place Massah, and Meribah, because of the chiding of the children of Israel, and because they tempted the LORD, saying, Is the LORD among us, or not?*  
So, when a crown of HOLINESS was worn, it contrasted so much with the actions of the people of Israel. They would bring gifts one day for God and disobey the next.  
Where did the holiness come from...THE LORD, and it was attributed to the people only through the sacrifice offered for sin on the altar, and by the prayers for the people before the people at the mercy seat of God.
4. Hebrews 10:9-18 Sinner, accept Christ’s sacrifice for your sin.
5. Folks, today, you can carry a crown of holiness with humility!



## Children's Challenge

Complete & Return to Pastor: 1=sweet 4=chalk-art print 8=Christian Book  
16=Mini-New Testament 32=Leather Bound Large New Testament

MY NAME is \_\_\_\_\_

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

Today's Preacher \_\_\_\_\_

What **Bible Verse** is the message about?

Book Chapter Verses

**Urim** = \_ \_ \_ \_ = **spirit of God**

**Thummim** = **TRUTH** = \_\_\_\_\_ of God

Unscramble the following words from verse 30:

"Aaron shall bear the **njutgemd** \_\_\_\_\_  
of the children of **sjarle** \_\_\_\_\_ upon his  
**thera** \_\_\_\_\_ before the LORD...."

Draw a crown like God describes in  
Exodus 28:36-38 :

**My Prayer:** Dear Lord, I believe that Jesus died  
for my sin. Please help me to be kind to others.

Love, \_\_\_\_\_  
(your name)



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